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Was the Rist In Vancouver Worth it for

ing signaled a turning point in international affairs by directly involving the United States in the battle over the course of

Cold War era.

Explaining the muted tone of official statements about the Vancouver meeting a U.S. policymaker said Monday that the Clinton administration's commitment was

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"unpopular at home because Americans oppose foreign aid, disliked by other governments that don't like seeing the old superpowers working together again, and a gamble for both leaders."

For President Bill Clinton, the worst

That concession "was going to happen sometime this year anyway, but the timing now was undoubtedly the result of American pressure to make the summit a success," a European diplomat said.

loans during talks on German reunifica-tion, sounded almost miffed on Monday

By Joseph Fitchett ational Herald Tribune

color the chances for international political and military cooperation in the post-

appeared too great to pass up. Aiready, the American decision to provide tangible assistance has started prying more help from other Western governments.
The U.S. financial commitment, while

still smaller than the \$2 billion spent in Somalia in the last six months, has already forced a much larger item of economic relief: the rescheduling of Russia's foreign

Both Leaders?

PARIS - The Vancouver summit meet-

political events in Russia.

If successful, the shift foreshadows a U.S.-Russian partnership that will shape the future balance of power in Europe and

risk is that Boris N. Yeltsin will lose power anyway. For Mr. Yeltsin, the risk is that his position might be undermined by accu-sations that he is too dependent on the United States.

But the opportunities for both leaders

Germany, by far Moscow's leading creditor after taking over many Russian

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fire declared eight days ago.] The UN body has been involved before in The Long Wait in Somalia

Homesick Marines Stuck in Boondocks By Keith B. Richburg

By David B. Ottaway Washington Post Service
SARAJEVO, Bosnin-Herzegovina — The

United Nations plans to evacuate up to 15,000

Muslim refugees from the Serb-besieged town of Srebrenica in eastern Bosnia, the largest such

operation its relief agency has undertaken since

On Tuesday, the UN High Commissioner for

Refugees was to begin sending trucks to the town to evacuate 1,000 to 1,500 women, chil-

dren, elderly and sick people daily, according to the special UN refugee envoy, José Marie Men-

fighting began in Bosnia a year ago.

Washington Post Service
BARDERA, Somalia — The 325 U.S. Marines left at this scorched and dusty crossroads in a desolate corner of western Somalia have coined a sad motto summing up their desire to go home: "The Forgotten, the Few — the Barderans."

Most of the time, Bardera is engulfed by a powdery reddish-gray sand that fills nostrils, stains clothes and wreaks havoe on truck engines and weapons parts. When it rains, the town becomes submerged in 3 feet of brown

Said Master Gunnery Sergeant Ross Cochron as he was surveying the barren landscape around the dirt and gravel airstrip here. "We "Higured the good Lord took one day off and let

his disciples build this place."

Elsewhere around the "famine belt" of southern Somalia, the U.S. Marines and army soldiers who moved into its desolate towns in

December have pulled back to Mogadishu, the Somali capital, and at least half of the initial intervention force has already gone home.

[Heavy fighting, some of it hand-to-hand, was reported near Srebrenica on Monday, Reu-

Bosnian Serbs appear to have opted for hard

ters reported, quoting Sarajevo radio. Fierce infantry and artillery attacks on Srebrenics also

[Commanders of Bosnia's three warring sides

are to meet under UN auspices in Sarajevo on

Tuesday to discuss how to consolidate a cease-

facts over diplomacy. Page 2.

were reported.

Schoolchildren on a devastated street in Vukovar, Croatia. During fighting there between Croats and Serbs in 1991, 80 percent of the town's buildings were destroyed.

helping war refugees cross lines between war-ring Serhian and Muslim factions. But it has

never engaged in a mass evacuation such as

this, which could trigger the departure of all Muslims from the Srebrenica enclave.

cations, Srebrenica's Muslim authorities re-

fused on Sunday to allow refugees to board

eight departing UN relief trucks that had

brought food to the town. They accused the UN

agency of simply serving the Bosnian Serbs' objective to "ethnically eleanse" eastern Bosnia

The UN relief group has already evacuated

of its Muslims

Alarmed by the evacuation's potential impli-

JN Plans Mass Muslim Evacuation in Bosnia

Security for Somalia's towns has been turned over to other nations of the U.S.-led coalition—the Australians in Baidoa, the Canadians in Belet Uen, the French in Hoddur.

Bardera, however, remains the last U.S. military outpost outside the capital, and American officials in Mogadishu concede that they have had trouble finding another country willing to

Indians were once rumored to be coming. And now Pakistanis. But the Marines in Bardera, who first arrived Christmas Eve to a dramatic welcome from a famished and warweary population, continue to wait. And wait. The homesickness has been intensified be-

cause the Marines - many of whom arrived with the first intervention wave and are now on See MARINES, Page 8

Kiosk

5,500 refugees. At least six refugees, including two children, have been killed in the crush to

If an additional 15,000 people are evaruated, the Srebrenica enclave will have lost from one-

third to one-half of its remaining Muslim population. There are an estimated 20,000 Muslims in the city itself, and, according to UN officials,

Srebrenica is one of only three Muslim towns

still holding out against advancing Bosnian

Serb forces, who seem intent on capturing all of

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from 40,000 to 60,000 in the entire enclave.

board trucks.

ONE THAT GOT AWAY - Harold Reynolds of the Baltimore Orioles diving in vain to reach the ball on a double by Jose Canseco of the Texas Rangers. The visiting Rangers won, 7-4, on Monday, the opening day of major league baseball. Page 21.

Latin Growers in Revolt Over EC Banana Tariffs

By James Brooke New York Times Service
BOGOTA — The French Embassy in Ecua-

dor has been pelted with bananas. Workers in Colombia's principal banana-growing region have lost their jobs. In Panama, the president was forced to announce that, much as the theople might like, be could not close the canal to vessels with European flags.

Latin America is in revolt against Europe,

this time over bananas. The European Community recently adopted a package of quotas and tariffs aimed at cutting by more than half Europe's banana imports from Latin America, starting July 1.

Europe wants to help some former bananagrowing colonies of European nations in Africa and the Caribbean by waving through their bananas tariff-free and slapping befty tariffs on the Latin fruit In the last six years, the consumption of bananas from the tropical islands of European nations and in former colonies has leveled off. During the same period, however, Europe's consumption of Latin American ba-

nanas doubled. For Latin American growers, who made Europe their fastest-growing export market during the 1980s, the decision is provoking a shock as

if snow fell in the Amazon. Until recently, growing bananes for northern markets was a multibillion-dollar bright spot for Latin America's struggling economies. About half the region's banana exports have traditionally gove to Europe. Growers calculate that the new restrictions, announced in February, will cost Latin America 51 hillion and

170,000 jobs by 1995. While Germany, a nation that is particularly fond of bananas, and Belgium are trying to reverse the ruling in the European Court of Justice in Luxembourg, banana prices are falling in Latin America, land prices for banana plantations are also dropping, and some fruit is rotting in the fields.

"It is one of the greatest acts of injustice in world economie history," declared Rafael Leo-nardo Callejas, president of Honduras, a Central American nation that depends on banana sales for 60 percent of its export earnings.

Juan Manuel Santos, the Colombian trade minister, is fuming. "Diabolical, perverse, dis-criminatory and illegal," he said, and for good reason: His country is the world's third-largest exporter of bananas.

"Banana wars," predicted a headline in Co-lombia's most widely circulated newspaper, El

Bananas are not the only Latin American fruit to run into barriers erected by a newly See BANANAS, Page 4

U.S. Says 'No' on Deportees

WASHINGTON (AP) — The State Department rejected on Monday an appeal by President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt that the United States pressure largel to accelerate the timetable for the return of Palesimians who were deported in December.

A department spokesman, Richard A. Boucher, outlined the U.S.

position as Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher talked with Mr. Mubarak at the State Department.

The dispute over the Palestinians has raised doubts about atten-

dance at the next round of Middle East peace talks, scheduled to

Israel's offer to take back 101 of the deportees now and the remaining 300 by the end of the year has been rejected by the Palestinians, who have threatened to boycott the next round of talks. Related article, Page 2

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The Supreme Court rejected an appeal from a Marine convicted of spying in Moscow. Page 2. Turkey warns Armenians as the offensive against Azerbaijan makes progress.

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'Clinton Pz' Helps to Put the White House on Line

By Richard L. Berke New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - Want a full transcript of President Bill Clinton's latest speech on housing or welfare? Just tap in a

command on your home computer.

Want the White House to know instantly what you think of Mr. Clinton's economic plan? Call the "White House comments line" and punch in a response on your touch-tone

Have more to say? Just type a note on your computer and punch in the White House electronic-mail address. In seconds, your message will have reached 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. Mr. Clinton does not have a computer in the Oval Office but he has surrounded himself with a new generation of aides who are steeped in the latest technology. They are marketing Mr. Clinton (his computer name is Clinton Pz) in ways that a

president has never been presented before. While the grind of speeches and news conferences by the stration may be conventional, the president's messages — critics would say propaganda — are penetrating households and offices in far less traditional ways.

For the first time, even people with little knowledge of computers can send a message to the White House through electronic mail. One computer jockey recently began a note to Mr. Clinton with the greeting, "Hey Prez!" Another punched in, "To Waffle Willie,"

Subscribers to major on-line computer services like America Online, Compuserve, Internet, MCI Mail and Prodigy can get information put out by the White House on their computers within hours after it is processed.

After punching the command "GO WHITEHOUSE" users of Compuserve see this greeting flash on their computer screens: "Welcome to the White House forum!" They can then retrieve speeches by the president, Vice President Al Gore, or Hillary Rodham Clinton, the president's wife, on dozens of

They can also access photographs of the president striking any number of patriotic poses. In schools around the country,

students and teachers can access by computer the daily White House news briefings, achedules and the president's speeches.

That is only the beginning: administration aides are tinkering with everything from digital photography, so the president's image could be almost instantaneously transmitted to: people across the country, to building the president's own cable television network to show government at work. There is even talk of a live, on-line "town meeting" with the president.

The advantage is you're getting information from the horse's mouth, said Randali Davis, a professor of computer science at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, who has advised the White House on computers. You are hearing what the original source said. Not only has the message not been filtered before it arrives at your computer, it has not even been

Others warn that the White House is simply using technol-See ON LINE Page 4

Back Home, **Yeltsin Starts Post-Summit** Sales Pitch

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Will the Benefits Count In April Referendum? Many Russians Doubt It

By Steven Erlanger

New York Tunes Service

MOSCOW — Russian officials on Monday
began the process of selling the results of the
Vancouver summit meeting at fuel stop in
Kanchafka, even before landing in Moscow.

The view here was that Boris N. Yeltsin had
lone himself some good with a dignified "pres-

done himself some good with a dignified, "presidential" summit meeting organized to ensure that he had to give few public concessions to President Bill Clinton. Still, Russian analysts and ordinary citizens interviewed Monday agreed that the meeting was unlikely to be a decisive factor on April 25,

when Russians vote - or decide not to vote in an important plebiscite on Mr. Yeltsin's performance and the possibility of early presidential and parliamentary elections. "It doesn't seem to me this new partnership is for real," said Alexander Matveyev, a 32-year-

What's stopping most investment in Russia? Its legal system — or lack of one. Page 15.

old in a black leather jacket who was shopping

along Petrovka Street. "It seems like the United States is up above, lonking down on us right now. These kinds of discussions could only happen because of our miserable situation."
But Mr. Matveyev, who works in local law

enforcement, said be thought that concrete, visible aid would help Mr. Yeltsin. "Of course American support has influence here," he said. "But I'm also for Yeltsin, so I can't say I think the United States has done

anything wrong."
Mr. Yeltsin returned to Moscow on Monday night, Earlier, at a stopover in Bratsk, in east central Russia, he visited an aluminum factory and talked up the positive results of his meeting with Mr. Clinton. But he concentrated on April 25, arging workers to vote "yes" on all four referendum questions, including fresh elections for both president and parliament.

"Don't be afraid to say 'yes,' also, to the question about re-electing the president," Mr. Yeltsin advised.

In a stopover in Karnehatka, in naribensiern, Russia, Alexander N. Shokhin, a deputy prime minister, lauded the summit meeting and the new access Russian goods would have to world

Also in Kamchatka, the foreign minister, Andrei V. Kozyrev, praised Mr. Yeltsin's conduct of the meeting and then joked, in a reference to the parliament, "Thank God, nothing signed and agreed upon in Vancouver needs

Raisa Yakovleva, 52, an accountant, is the sort of person to whom the politicians are selling. She watched little of the coverage of the summit meeting, preferring to rest over the weekend. But the issues are important, she said on Petrovka Street, and the West should concentrate less on helping Mr. Yeltsin and more on the Russian people.

"The Russian people will get us up and out of this no matter what happens at these summits." she said. The West shouldn't only support Yeltsin, but the people, too. First should come the people. The West has already given us credits for a while now, and humanitarian aid seems more a lot of talk than action."

Her concerns were put in a more elegant form by Oleg T. Bogomolov, director of the Institute of International Economie and Political Studies. He said the summit meeting had been good for Mr. Yeltsin, and most Russians

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Investigation Of Andreotti Widens in Italy

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

ROME — Accusations of wrongdoing against Giulio Andreotti widened significantly Monday when magistrates in Milan formally notified the former prime minister that he was

Untouched by seandals, Northern League gains credibility. Page 5.

under investigation in connection with the na-tion's stuming bribery and corruption scandal. The charges deepened the impression that Italy's postwar political system is rapidly un-

Magistrates notified another former Christian Democratic prime minister, Arnaldo Forlani, on Monday that he was under inquiry for hreaking the law on the funding of political parties, the Italian news agency ANSA reported. Mr. Forlam, 67, who briefly headed a government tool. erament in 1981, was secretary of Italy's Christian Democrats from February 1989 until last October, 1

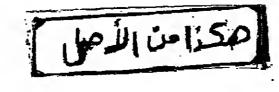
Mr. Andreotti, seven times prime minister and emblem of Italy's byzantine politics, is already being investigated by magistrates in Sicily who accuse him of associating with the Sicilian Cosa Nostra — a serious crime.

As with those charges, however, Mr. Andreotti dismissed the new accusation that he was involved in the illicit funding of political

"We will go to the magistrates correlves to show we have nothing whatever to do with anything unlawful," his lawyer, Odoardo Ascari, said. "We are at the complete disposal of the Italian magistrates. We have complete faith

There were no immediate details of the

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Bosnian Serbian soldiers patrolling near the village of Podvelezje, about 20 kilometers from the Croat-controlled town of Mostar.

For Bosnian Serbs, Facts Beat Talking

By Roger Cohen

BELGRADE — In rejecting the peace plan for Bosnia negotiated by the interna-tional community, the Serbs have evidently concluded that they have enough military strength on the ground and enough stoicism

to withstand whatever is coming. Though the United Nations is still groping for a way to induce them to sign the draft accord, the Bosnian Serbs have opted for hard facts over diplomacy. After a year of fighting they hold about 70 percent of Bosnia-Herzegovina and their forces are much better armed than their Muslim and Croatian foes. And any notion of Western military intervention is filled with potential pitfalls and could have explosive repercussions.

"The international negotiating process is on the rocks and shipwrecked." a Western diplomat here said. "The Serbs have decided that the proposals for Bosnia are unacceptable and that they are going to tough it out and wait for the world to come to its senses."

For the Bosnian Serbs, that would involve an admission by leading Western nations that the notioo of a sovereign state of Bosnia-Herzegovina was a mistake now buried in the rubble of a year of civil war in the former Yugoslav republic.

In a formal vote oo Saturday by their selfstyled parliament, the Bosnian Serbs specifically rejected the outlines of 10 semiautonomous provinces within a sovereign Bosnia proposed in the peace plan by the interna-tional mediators Cyrus R. Vance and Lord

But from Radovan Karadvic on down, the Serbs' leaders have in recent days made clear their more fundamental conviction Bosnia should simply be carved into three parts among Muslims, Croats and themThat idea is unacceptable to the United States and other Western nations as well as to the Muslim-led Bosnian government because it would reward Serbian aggression. In a pattern that their nationalist fighters describe as "ethnic cleansing," Serbs have driven Mus-

lims from wide swaths of the republic. Precedent gives the Serbs support in their determination to hang tough and put force

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before talk. Although fighting in neighboring Croatia largely stopped more than a year ago, the Serbs still hold close to one-third of that former Yugoslav republic's territory, just as they did when the truce began in January

In that case, Serbs did accept a peacemak-iog process involving the stationing of UN troops in four Serbian-occupied areas. But that did not deter the Croatian Serbs from digging in and declaring their own Serbian Republic of Krajina.

Western analysts now expect the Bosnian Serbs to try and circumvent the peace efforts of the United Nations and European Com-munity through direct talks with the other warring parties in Bosnia.

A meeting between the three military commanders is scheduled oo Wednesday at the airport at Sarajevo, the capital. Io the talks, the Bosnian Serbs' commander, General Ratko Mladic, is likely to press publicly for maintaining the tenuous cease-fire.

That would be good public relations and would put the Bosnian government of President Alija Izetbegovic in a delicate position of being ohliged to take up the offensive loses patience.

The analysts see some likelihood that the

Serbs may try and reach a deal with the Croats to put the Muslims on the defensive in Bosnia. They would have some bargaining

chips to use in such negotiations. The most important thing to the Croats is securing their position around Mostar and other towns in the Herzegovina region and insuring that Serbs do not resume their shelling of the Dalmatian coast. Recently the Serbs lobbed a few shells from Trebinje into the suburbs of Dubrovnik, a Croatian resort, that was beavily damaged in the fighting in

The most important thing to the Serbs is securing a corridor through northern Bosnia connecting Serbia to the big Serbian population around Banja Luka in western Bosnia — something denied them by a Croatian enclave

oo the Vance-Owen map, A trade-off on these points appears possible because only the Serbs can offer the Croats security in Herzegovina and the Dalmatian region, and only the Croats can guarantee the Serbs their corridor.

Fundamental to the thinking among the Bosnian Serbs and the Serbian leadership in Yugoslavia is an attitude that any steps the international community is likely to take now to make life more painful will not in fact make much difference.

The only thing that would do so — West-ern military force — has not been used, and the Serbs' calculation is clearly that the same doubts and fears will continue to prevent it.

Nine months of crippling UN sanctions have already left the Yugoslav economy in ruins, with inflation running at more than 250 percent a month, industrial production down by more than 50 percent last year, and a third

A defiant sentiment has grown that things cannot get much worse, so let the world do

Marine Who Spied At Moscow Mission Is Refused Appeal

By Linda Greenhouse New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court refused on Monday to review the espionage conviction of Clayton J. Lonetree, the Marine sergeant convicted of spying for the Soviet Union while assigned to guard the American embassies in Moscow and Vienna during the mid-1980s.

The court made no comment in letting the 1987 conviction stand. Private Lonetree, who was reduced in rank and sentenced to 25 years in prison, argued that he was tricked into confessing to two American intelligence agents who promised him confidentiality but then re-ported him to the authorities and testified against him at his trial.

Private Lonetree talked to the two agents, identified publicly only as Little John and Big John, over several days in a Vienna hotel room. The agents never informed him of his right to remain silent or

consult a lawyer.

The military courts that upheld his conviction by court-martial ruled that because the intelligence agents were not his superior officers, were not themselves law enforcement agents, and because Private Lonetree was not in custody when he talked to them, neither the lack of Miranda warnings nor the broken promise of confidentiality made his confession invalid.

In his Supreme Court appeal, Private Lonetree's lawyers argued that the confession should be regarded as involuntary, and inad-missible as evidence, because the promise of confidentiality made it the product of "coercive conduct."

In response, the government argued that there was no coercion. A dispute that the federal governpromise of confidentiality, the gov-ernment said, "is not the kind of government conduct that is likely though no law spec to overbear a person's will and in interest payments.

product of coercion."

The agents made their promise not for purposes of prosecution but "in order to obtain critical damage assessment information" about the material that Private Lonetree has passed to his KGB contacts, the government said.

Private Lonetree was drawn into espionage through a love affair with a Russian woman who worked as a translator at the embassy. He is now being held at the disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth,

Kansas, awaiting resentencing.
The Court of Military Appeals upheld his conviction by a 3-to-2 vote but set aside his sentence on the ground that he may have been inadequately represented by his ci-vilian counsel, William Kunstler.

■ Argentina Plea Rejected The court made these other rulings, The Associated Press report-

• It kept alive a lawsuit alleging that officers of the Argentine military junta that seized power in 1976 tortured a man and seized his famtly's business because he was Jewish. Argentina had claimed it was immune from such lawsuits in U.S. courts. The court ruled last month that Saudi Arabia was immune from being sued in U.S. courts over the alleged torture of an American who worked in that country.

• It let stand a Louisiana federal district court judge's conviction and prison sentence for accepting a \$100,000 bribe. The court turned down Judge Robert F. Collins' argument that his trial was tainted because prosecutors excluded some

blacks from the jury.

• It ruled in a Texas food-stamp ment may collect interest on some debts owed to it by states, even though no law specifically required

Bush administration, when a navy

commission on women headed by

the assistant secretary for manpow-

er, Barbara Spyridon Pope, recom-mended it. Navy Secretary Sean O'Keele endorsed the idea just be-

fore leaving office, but a final deci-

sion was left for the Clinton admin-

President Bill Clinton has oot

named a new navy secretary, but Admiral Kelso is pushing the idea

with the support of the top admi-

One reason the Navy Wants to

move quickly is probably that it is about to make public the recom-

in which women were sexually

abused at a conference of naval

WORLD BRIEFS

Black Gunmen Kill 10 From ANC

DURBAN, South Africa (Reuters) - Black gunmen killed 10 people with automatic weapons Monday when they attacked a village near Port Shepstone in South Africa's strife-torn Natal Province, the police and the

Shepstone in South Africa's strife-torn install Flowmer has possessed and the African National Congress said.

The attack brought to at least 22, all but one of them black, the number of people murdered in South Africa since Friday night when gummen killed five people near Johannesburg.

Monday's attack near Port Shepstone, 110 kilometers (70 miles) south Monday's attack near Port Shepstone, 110 kilometers (70 miles) south of Durban, took place at 2 A.M. Black gummen opened fire with AK-47 of Durban, took place at 2 A.M. Black gummen opened fire with AK-47 of Sault rifles and lobbed a grenade into a home, the police said. The ANC assid the dead were all members of the organization, which has clashed said the dead were all members of the organization, which has clashed with the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party since 1986.

Pakistanis Halt Kashmir Protesters

SEHRI, Pakistan (AP) — Huge rolls of barbed wire and thousands of armed Pakistani soldiers blocked 500 demonstrators Monday from marching across Pakistan's disputed border into India. The protesters had hoped to show their support for militants fighting for independence in India's only predominantly Muslim state, Jamma and Kashmir. In India, foot soldiers backed by artillery units took up positions to prevent the Pakistanis from entering the country.

The protesters were stopped at Sehri, about 2 miles (3 kilometers) feath the protesters were stopped at Sehri, about 2 miles (3 kilometers) feath the border. A Pakistani army spokesman said thousands of paramilitary troops were deployed at the border. Pakistani soldiers arrested the march organizer, Mumtaz Rathore, when he refused to leave the area.

Japan Suspects Anti-Royalists in Blast
TOKYO (Reuters) — A Japanese palace official's house in Tokyo was
damaged by a bomb explosion and an imperial memorial hall in Yokobama was ravaged by fire in separate incidents Monday, authorities said,
Anti-monarchist radicals are suspected of detonating the small bomb
in Tokyo and setting fire to a memorial hall in Yokobama, the police said,
but they also believe Japanese alterrichtists could be starwing up attack m Tokyo and setting fire to a memorial nau in Tokyo and setting the police said, but they also believe Japanese ultrarightists could be stepping up attacks to protest Emperor Akihito's visit later this month to Okinawa, where many residents regard the emperor as a symbol of their wartime suffering.

French Mercenary Guilty in Plot

PARIS (AP) — Bob Denard, a mercenary who led raids and count across Africa for 30 years, was convicted and given a five-year suspended sentence Monday for criminal association.

The 14th Correctional Court found Mr. Denard guilty of recruiting French mercenaries for a failed coup against the Marxist government in the West African nation of Benin in 1977.

Mr. Denard 64 was accretical Eric Luden he returned home horizon to

Mr. Denard, 64, was arrested Feb. I when he returned home hoping to clear his name. He also faces charges of murder and theft in connection with the 1989 assassination of the president of Comoros. He is being allowed to remain free pending the trial in that case.

China Denies Jump in Arms Imports

BEIJING (Renters) — Seeking to calm fears about its growing military strength, China said Monday that it did not intend to begin large-scale weapons imports from abroad.

"China's defense spending is one of the lowest in the world," Xinhna press agency quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying, "both it terms of total value and per capita value. China does not intend to import weapons on a large scale."

Navy Leads the Call For Combat Women

By John H. Cushman Jr.

WASHINGTON - In a dramatic turnaround for a military service that has been plagued by sexual harassment charges in recent years, the oavy's top admiral wants to eventually allow women to serve in combat and has recommended immediately expanding the num-ber of jobs oo ships that are open to them, according to Pentagon offi-

The long-term objective is to open to women virtually every job in the service, including flying combat planes. But that proposal has not been submitted to Defense Secretary Les Aspin, partly because top navy officials and Mr. Aspin believe the other military services

would oppose it.
About 9,000 women now serve on about 64 of the navy's 453 ships, mostly supply ships or repair ships. Of about 500,000 active naval personnel, about 50,000 are women.

The army, the air force and the Marine Corps are said to be more comfortable with modest expansions in the roles of women along the lines recommended by a presi-dential commission in November. These would let women have combat positions on many ships, but not in front-line units on the ground and not in combat planes.

Admiral Frank B. Kelso 2d. chief of naval operations and the acting navy secretary, has endorsed the plan, which would reverse a the move by the Free Democratic in combat and would make the Party, the junior partner in Mr. Kohl's coalition, which said it objected to German crews manufactures are plan, which would reverse a longstanding opposition to women in combat and would make the navy's use of women by far the most extensive among the most extensive and most extensive among the most extensiv

A senior official said that after a staff review, Admiral Kelso determined that "it is about time" to gradually open all jobs to women, starting with additional postings on ships like the floating headquarters of the fleet in the Gulf, where there are now virtually no women. The process would be completed within four years with women flying fighter jets from aircraft carriers and firing torpedos from submarines.

Some 35,000 women served in the American forces in the Gulf War, mainly as mechanics, communications specialists, nurses, truck drivers and the like. Female pilots carried cargo in planes and helicopters but did not fly direct combat

in the navy, women served on shore or on supply and repair ships. Even these jobs are dangerous. Women were killed, injured and captured in the war. And the Pentagon, in its report on the war, said that the military women involved were "enormously capable and professional," and that they "per-formed their missions with distinc-

The recommendation to open combat assignments for women was gathering momentum in the

DEATH NOTICE

ERMINI, RUTH WILSON Longtime resident of Greenwich CT and New York City. Died March 31st, in Stanford, CT. Survived by Two daughters, Toni and Terry Ermini

and three grandchildren. Memorial Mass was held in Greenwich, CT.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Tourists Warned On Florida Crime

LONDON (Reuters) — British tour operators and car rental compa-nies on Monday warned tourists visiting Florida to take precautions against violent crime by avoiding dangerous areas and leaving valuables

A German woman was killed by robbers in front of her two children last week only an hour after arrival in Miami. It was the latest in a series of violent crimes against tourists in Florida recently. The German Foreign Ministrictions contend step, concended it would draw up safety recommendations for travelers to the state.

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British Airways is cutting business class fares to Paris, Australian and Helsinki in response to recent discounting by other European airlines. From Monday until June the price of a London-Paris round-trip ticket will be £240 (\$363), representing a reduction of £78: The price on the Amsterdam route is being cut £56, and on the Helsinki route, £51. (AFP) A strike by cabin crew of Sabena intensified Monday and was delaying.

(Reuter) flights, unions of the Belgian airline said in Brussels.

mendations of a long investigation into the widely publicized incidents. The North Korean airline, Koryo, inaugurated a weekly service between Pyongyang and Bangkok on Monday. The return flight to Pyongyang will aviators, the Tailhook Association,

Mubarak Tells of Warning U.S. Could Have Prevented Blast, He Says

By Elaine Sciolino
New York Times Service

WASHINGTON - President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt says that the Umited States could have prevented the bombing of the World Trade Center if American officials had heeded his country's warnings about an Islamic fundamentalist network in the United States.

But he suggested that the information provided by Egypt related generally to activities by individ-uals in the United States, not that Egypt had passed on specific information foreshadowing the

Mr. Mubarak called on the new administration. to take a more active role in stemming international terrorism, particularly activities inspired by Islamic fundamentalists.

He blamed the current violence in Egypt and elsewhere in the Middle East in part on Iran and in part on veterans who fought with Afghan guerrillas as part of the U.S.-backed war against the Sovietsupported government in Kabul

He offered new details about the background of Mahmud Abohalima, a suspect in the World Trade Center bombing who was captured in Egypt and flown back to the United States two weeks ago. Mr. Mubarak disclosed that the suspect said

during his interrogation by the Egyptian authori-ties that he had quarreled with Sheikin Omar Abdel Rahman, an Egyptian fundamentalist cleric for whom he served as a driver and aide. In an interview Sunday, a day after his arrival in Washington, Mr. Mubarak also said he would ask

President Bill Clinton when they met for the first time on Tuesday to urge Israel to make another gesture to help resolve the problem of the 400 Palestinians deported to Lebanon in December. But Mr. Mubarak's most surprising remarks concerned the trade center bombing in New York, which killed 6 people and injured about 1,000. "It

could have been prevented if you listened to our advice," he said. Asked whether the United States had been given clear information about the activities of individuals and specific mosques, he added: That's right. And this information has been exchanged with American intelligence."

Mr. Mubarak declined to give details of what information had been passed on or how U.S. authorities could have used it.

But other senior Egyptian officials said that several months ago, they had given Americans detailed warnings about the activities and inflam-matory oratory of Sheikh Abdel Rahman and his operation in New Jersey, and about mosques in Brooklyn, through diplomatic and intelligence

U.S. authorities have not publicly linked the sheikh with the trade center bombing, nor has it been disclosed whether he has been questioned in

The United States and Egypt have an extremely close intelligence-sharing relationship, and the embassy in Cairo is used by the Central Intelligence Agency and its sister intelligence agencies as the information-gathering hub for much of the Middle

Despite the repeated warnings from Egypt, American law enforcement and intelligence officials have taken a somewhat sanguine view about the threat posed by Sheikh Abdel Rahman and his followers. In an interview last month, senior govemment analysts said they believed that his role in violent acts was limited to exhortation. The CIA declined comment Sunday on Mr. Mubarak's as-

Mr. Mubarak seemed reluctant to discuss events surrounding the trade center bombing but he disclosed new details about Mr. Abohalima, who was arrested in the Egyptian port of Alexandria and interrogated before he was sent to the United

Mr. Mubarak said that after Mr. Abohalima left Egypt in 1980 for Germany, he tried unsuccessfully to get political asylum "as a man who is out wanted in Egypt because he a Nasserist," a follower of Gamal Abdel Nasser, the president of Egypt from 1956 to 1970.

Before his return, Mr. Abohalima went to Jidda, Saudi Arabia, to get an Egyptian visa because he had German documents, Mr. Mubarak said. He suggested that the Egyptian authorities had arrested Mr. Abohalima on their own initiative rather than at the request of the United States. The consular officer there in Fidda suspected the situation." he said.

During the interrogation, Mr. Mubarak said, the suspect professed his innocence, saying "Proready to go to the United States to prove I am innocent, because there is no evidence against me."

Although during his interrogation Mr. Abohalima said that Sheikh Abdel Rahman was his spiritual guide, he accused the sheikh of violating Islamic principles, Mr. Mubarak said, because the cleric had raised funds for Afghan guerrillas and put the money into an interest-bearing bank socount, in violation of the Islamic ban on interest, and taking the interest for his own personal use.

Mr. Abohalima's lawyer and family members have said that he was tortured by Egyptian authorities and that any statements he made were coerced. U.S. officials have said he was examined for signs of torture. The results have not been

Mr. Mubiarak said that he would not request the extradition of Sheikh Abdel Rahman, saying: "Oh, keep him in your country! We don't need Abdel Rahman. You accepted him in your country, keep him! He is a normal Egyptian. If he wants to go to Poynt he is undown. Egypt, he is welcome. But he is not allowed to violate the law."



BOSNIA: UN to Evacuate 15,000 Muslim Refugees At a press conference in Sarajevo has not publicly indicated his ap-(Continued from page 1) on Monday, Mr. Mendiluce de-

eastern Bosnia and incorporating it either into a separate republic or into a greater Serbia.

The other two towns are Zepa, which until recently had an estimated 29,000 people, and Gorazde, with 60,000 to 70,000. Mr. Mendiluce said on Monday, however, that thousands of Muslim refugees were pouring into Zepa.

He said he had discussed the UN evacuation plan for Srebrenica with Bosnia's Muslim president. Alija Izetbegovic, on Sunday and had gained his authorization to proceed with it. The Bosnian leader

PARIS - Lord Owen, the Euro-

pean Community's mediator on

Yugoslavia, called Monday for "re-

lentless pressure" to be placed on

Bosnian Serbs to make them accept

a peace plan for Bosnia-Herzegovi-

na, but he cautioned against lifting

an arms embargo on Bosnian Mus-

The UN refugee group and UN forces together battled for weeks to overcome Serhian opposition to letting food convoys into Srehrenica, which has been cut off since mid-December. When the first convoy arrived on March 20, it was swamped by starving and fearful refugees desperate to leave.

UN officials now find themselves accused by the very Muslims they sought to save of collaborating with the Serbs and becoming the unwitting instrument of their eth-nic-cleansing policy.

Lord Owen said a political solu-

State Warren M. Christopher that

the arms embargo on Bosnian Mus-

Mr. Christopher, in a televised

interview, had said refusal by the

fended his agency's decision to undertake the evacuation, saying that the agency's primary role was "to save as many people" as it could.

"When we have doubts, or we are trapped in all types of contradictions, the only thing we can do is to save the people that are asking us to be saved," he said.

Mr. Mendiluce described the situation in Srebrenica as "not very encouraging" and said that "slowly hut surely" Serbian front-line

Owen Urges All-Out Pressure on Serbs

tion was still possible and he criti-cized a suggestion by Secretary of arms embargo."

"to our allies and see if we could

Earlier Monday, the Western European Union, a 10-nation regional defense group, stepped up pressure on Belgrade by agreeing to send speedboats manned by police Bosnian Serbs to accept the peace to patrol the Danube River in Hun-plan could lead Washington to go gary. Romania and Bulgaria

German Court Hears Arguments On Bosnia Role

BERLIN -- Germany's highest court on Monday considered a plea from the divided government ask-ing it to rule on whether the German Air Force can help enforce a United Nations no-flight zone in

Chancellor Helmut Kohl's cabinet decided Friday to ask the Constitutional Court to decide whether the government could send the first German combat mission abroad since World War 11.

jected to German crews manning econnaissance flights to enforce the no-flight zone. The reconnaissance flights would be under the command of the North Atlantic

Treaty Organization. The opposition Social Democrats joined the Free Democrats in petitioning the Constitutional Court for an injunction to ban German involvement. The eight judges considered written briefs Monday and were to hear oral arguments

The enforcement of the no-flight zone is expected to start in about

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Stymied by Filibuster, Clinton Is Ready to Deal on Jobs Bill

By Michael Wines New York Times Service
WASHINGTON — Nine days into a filibuster over President Bill Clinton's \$16.3 billion jobs stimulus plan, two of his top aides indi-cated Monday at the Capitol that the White House was ready to deal.

"We're prepared to provide the Democrats' earlier posture that cludes new public-works projects could pass, and then go on vaca-talever cooperation is necessary the bill must be passed virtually as and spending increases in existing tion. But none seemed imminent. whatever cooperation is necessary to see that this bill moves," said would be a "tragedy" if no agreement were reached

the bill must be passed virtually as written, or not at all.

federal programs. Mr. Clinton's budget director, The Republicans' leader, Sena-Leon E. Panetta, adding that it tor Bob Dole of Kansas, said later there was a long way in go. Both sides in the Senate seemed weary of He also suggested, bowever. nent were reached.

Was starting to abandon some parts name-calling and serious about
That was a marked change from of \$16.3 billion package, which in-

Asked what sort of compromise the Democrais could propose to satisfy Republican objections to the legislation, Mr. Dole replied, a

Mr. Dole and the Democratic

In Texas, 24-Candidate Brawl to Replace Bentsen

By Sam Howe Verhovek New York Times Service

HOUSTON --- As a political speciator sport, the election to replace Lloyd Bentsen as senator from Texas has turned into the kind of wild free-for-all not seen here since 1961, when 71 people vied for the right to succeed Lyndon B. Johnson.

When the filing deadline for the May 1 open election passed on Thursday, 24 peo-ple had signed up, ranging from a candi-date who gave his occupation as "honest lawyer" to a heart-transplant recipient who insists a vote for him is a vote for "automatic term limitation" because doctors have told him be has only eight years

But as the field narrows to the runoff stage, it is likely to evolve into something else: a sneak preview of the 1994 congressional elections and a kind of early referendum on Bill Clinton's presidency, And looming on the sidelines here is a Texan who is not running but whose word could affect the fortunes of those who are: Ross

in Texas politics, the special election amounts to a major event, just the third switch of senators since 1961. It was touched off when the popular Mr. Bentsen, 72, resigned to become Treasury secretary in the Clinton administration.

The race has already provided memorable spectacles like that of 20 candidates trying to "debate" each other in Austin one night last week with Mr. Perot as the host. But the critical question seems to be not so much who will finish first, but who

will come next. The Democrat selected by Governor Ann W. Richards to be interim senator, Bob Krueger, a former congressman and Texas railroad commissioner, is widely ex-pected to lead the field in the voting, but to fall short of the 50 percent he needs in

In a state of 17 milbon people and with a ballot of so many names (there are no party primaries to narrow the field in the special election), fewer than 400,000 votes could be enough to qualify someone for second place and a subsequent shot at Mr.

The most likely scenario is that one of three Republicans now engaged in a brutal intraparty struggle — State Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison and U.S. Representaoves Joe Barton and Jack Fields - will wriggle into a runolf. Bat there are plenty of wild-card possibilities, ton, including Richard W. Fisher, a Dallas businessman and former policy adviser to Mr. Perot who says he may spend up to \$4 million of his own money on the campaign, and Jose Angel Gutierrez, a former county judge who is the sole Hispanic candidate.

And even when someone does emerge out of a field that is bereft of any household names to begin with, the truly pivotal figures in the race may not even be on the ballot:

· President Clinton, for whom the race, the first Senate contest since his inauguration, will inevitably become a test of his popularity. He and Vice President Al Gore ave already appeared once in Texas with Mr. Krueger, and Mr. Clinton has taken several steps to bolster the interim senator's prospects.

• The new Republican Party national chairman, Haley Barbour, for whom the race is an obvious precursor to a 1994 Republican effort to recapture Senate seats at the halfway point of Mr. Clinton's term. Party leaders, boping that one of the Republicans comes out as the challenger to Mr. Krueger, bave indicated that they may pour millions of dollars into an anti-

Krueger. ano-Clinton campaign.

• Texas's two preeminent officeholders and possible future presidential candidates, Governor Richards, a Democrat. and Phil Gramm, a Republican and Texas's senior senator, for whom the race is a supreme test of political prestige and

Mr. Perot, who received 22 percent of the votes in his home state last fall as an independent candidate for president. Mr. Perot has carefully declined so far to issue any endorsement in the race, but many of the candidates seem to be falling

over themselves to win his support. And if

be gives even the slightest indication of

teaning in any candidate's direction, it could be enough to push that person into a

Such a nudge could be particularly important because the race, at least so far, has not produced well-defined differences between the contestants. And with the possible exceptions of Mr. Krueger and Mrs. Hulchison, who won a statewide race in 1990, no one seems to have high name recognition.

"The issues are so clouded that the voters are going to have a difficult time distinguishing among the candidates," said George Christian, a Democratic consultant and former top aide to President Johnson who is not advising anyone in this

"Everyone's running against Washing-ton," Mr. Christian said.

Democrats are boping for a repeat of the 1961 special election, only with the roles of the major parties reversed. In that election, the Democrats essentially committed fratricide, the party so badly splintered that a Republican, John G. Tower. managed to capture a Texas Senate seat for the first time since Reconstruction.

This time around, Governor Richards and other party leaders have more or less gotten Democrats to coalesce around Mr. Krueger, a former Elizabethan scholar and Duke University English professor, one of whose major virtues is that he has no big

majority leader, George J. Mitchell of Maine, were to talk privately late Monday after meeting separately with senators from their parties.

Details of the two sides' opening positions began to surface, along with statesmanlike calls for cooperation and reason, minutes after the Senate tried Monday for the third time, and failed for the third time, to end the Republicans' stalling

The Senate voted almost entirely along party lines, 49 to 29, to stop debate and force a vote on the legislation, but that was 11 votes short of the 60 needed under Senate rules. The Democrats will try again on Wednesday, but the vote is largely for show; the outcome will not change until the two sides strike a compromise.

Each has a different idea of what a compromise entails.

Republicans want to strip away roughly half the spending in the main part of the bill, excising huge grants for college-student loans, local government projects, federal computer and telephone purchases and scores of other lesser items.

The remainder includes some \$4 billion in unemployment benefits, \$300 million for childhood immunizations, and \$1 billion in summer jobs for the poor.

Democrats have offered so far only to remove the college loan money, which totals about \$1.9 billion, Republicans said.

Moreover, the two sides are stalled over whether the remaining programs should be financed by deficit spending — the Democratic position - or by cuts elsewhere in the federal budget, as the Republi-

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'Progress' Cited in Clinton's Hiring of Women

WASHINGTON — Clinton supporters in the hinterland may be frustrated by the share of Washington jobs parceled out to them, but women's groups are happy with the trend for women in senior posts. Thirty-eight — or 25 percent — of the 150 most senior jobs in executive agencies bad gone to women as of March 29. That compares with a 20 percent rate for all jobs during the Busb years, a 12 percent rate for the Reagan administration and a 13.5 percent rate for the Carter administration.

Women's activists say that when all the Senate-confirmed jobs are filled — more than 1,100 positions counting U.S. attorneys, U.S. marshals, ambassadors and commissioners — about one-third of the officeholders will be women.

"Is it where we would like in be?" said Harriet Woods, head of the National Women's Political Caucus, "No. But it is extraordinary

Mrs. Clinton Ends 16-Day Stay in Little Rock

WASHINGTON - Hillary Rodham Clinton has returned to Washington, ending a 16-day stay in Little Rock, Arkansas, at the bedside of her critically ill father. Mrs. Clinton's daughter, Chelsea.

 arrived back at the White House with her mother.
 Hugh Rodham, 82, suffered a stroke on March 19 and has been listed in critical condition at a Little Rock hospital. Mrs. Clinton's deputy press secretary. Neel Lattimore, said Mrs. Clinton decided to return to Washington because her father's condition had not changed. He said Mrs. Clinton planned to go ahead with a scheduled speech in Texas on Tuesday.

Congress's Next Task: Campaign-Fund Bill

WASHINGTON — Sometime after Congress returns from its Easter recess, it will face the next Clinton administration legislative

push: campaign finance reform. Within two to three weeks, sources said, Democrats are to introduce legislation eliminating one of the most lucrative sources of campaign funds: the largely unregulated donations made directly to political parties by groups and individuals. The donations, which unlike contributions to candidates have no limits, have dominated party fund raising and fed voter outrage over special interests'

Quote/Unquote

Senator Alan K. Simpson. Republican of Wyoming, on strongarm tactics by Senator Robert C. Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, to force through the Clinton administration's jobs package: "This is stiff time. He can stiff us and we can stiff him."



The Reverend Martin Luther King Jr.'s widow, Coretta Scott King, at a memorial service with her daughters, Yolanda, left, and Bernice, and Reverend Joseph Lowery at Mr. King's tomb in Atlanta.

Racial Divide Remains in U.S.

25 Years After King Slaying, a Gloomy View of Relations

By Peter Applebome

New York Times Service ATLANTA -- Twenty-five years after the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated, more than half of black and white Americans rate the nation's race relations as poor, and blacks and whites remain deeply divided on economic issues like preferential hiring and promotion of minorities.

The findings in a New York Times/CBS News Poll, as well as the prevailing sour racial mood, in which the name King today more often summons up Rodney G. King — whose beating at the hands of Los Angeles police officers was videotaped and viewed by millions - provide a gloomy counterpoint to observances in memory of the civil-rights leader, who was slain in Memphis. Tennessee, on April 4,

Still, the current mood accurately reflects the frustrations of Mr.
King's final years, when be became
sincreasingly aware that addressing he economic and social problems of the black poor in the United States was going to be far more complicated and elusive than mounting the moral crusade that desegregated the South.

in recent years, a troubled econ-omy has made these issues even more difficult in address and conmore difficult in address and con-tributed to both increased competi-tion for scarce jobs between blacks and whites and the plagues of drugs and crime in black communities.

His whole focus at the end was on the economic issues, but no one

could have foreseen the levels of cultural decay in American life and the kind of economic slowdown we would face," said Cornel West, chairman of the African-American studies program at Princeton University. "No one could have expected the level of violence, physical and psychic, we see today. It would

bring tears to his eyes." According to the poll, only 37 percent of Americans rated the nation's race relations as good. That included 38 percent of white respondents and 27 percent of blacks. A total of 55 percent of whites and 66 percent of blacks said race relations were bad. A slim majority of Americans, 52 percent, including 54 percent of whites and 45 percent of blacks, said race relations were better now than they were 25 years ago.

The poll of 1,368 respondents, of whom 1,056 are white and 229 are black, had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points for whites and 6 percentage points for blacks. The responses from 83 others, who indicated they were of some other race, were too few to be statistically reliable. The poll was conducted March 28-31.

On some issues, blacks and asked how much real improvement

progress, but more than half said there had been some.

The gap between blacks and was widest on issues that touched on jobs. When asked if blacks should be given preference in hiring and promotion where there had been job discrimination in the past, 33 percent of all Americans said yes. But while only 28 percent of whites said a preference should be given, 66 percent of blacks said there should be a pref-

Many respondents said economic pressures and compension for jobs were imperiling the gains they had seen in their lifetimes.

"When there's economic tension. when there are a lot of people out of work, when people are compet-ing against each other for few jobs and the jobs that do exist don't seem to pay enough to make ends meet, then the old prejudices and baireds resurface," said Dennis Souza, 42, a white social worker from Massachusetts.

Many blacks said the legal gains of Martin Luther King Jr.'s era had not translated into lasting social or

"I was one of the original marchers on Washington, and what I've found is, as far as race relations go whites had sharply differing per-ceptions. For example, almost half the white respondents who were recently left his job of 13 years and there has been in the position of black people in the last 25 years said blacks had made a lot of progress. Only 29 percent of blacks agreed that there had been a lot of victimized by racism." sued his employer, saying he was a victim of discrimination. "There are a number of people I've met and talked to bere over the last few years especially, who've become victimized by racism."



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Away From Politics

The ACLU has vited to oppose as unconstitu-tional the U.S. civil rights trial of four Los Angeles police officers involved in the beating of Rodney G. King. The American Civil Liberties Union said the tool violent the officers' right not to be ried the trial violated the officers' right not to be tried

twice for the same offense. • Guards at a county jail in Minnesota freed the wrong man after he answered a release call for another prisoner who was asleep. Craig Karl Anderson. 19, who was being held on a criminal sexual-conduct charge, was rearrested a day after his release from St. Louis County jail, the sheriff's

· Reporters in Florida would have the right to keep

news sources confidential, even in court, under terms of legislation approved by the state legislature and sent to Governor Lawton Chiles, where its fate was uncertain.

 Fuel is flowing again through a pipeline in Virginia that ruptured and leaked more than 358,000 gallons of diesel oil into a Potomac River tributary near Washington. The pipeline was reconstructed after the spill.

• The depletion of the Earth's protective ozone layer is the target of study for the latest space shuttle mission, which was set to set to go early Tuesday in a rare middle-of-the-night launching from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

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By Robert L. Kroon Special to the Herald Tribune

BERN — Ignoring protests from the United Nations Sanctions Committee and the African National Congress, the Swiss government has authorized the sale of 60 single-engine Pilatus PC-9 aircraft to South Africa.

A government official said the deal, worth \$175 million, did not violate any embargo, "because this is clearly a nonmilitary plane and we have a commitment from Pretoria that the PC-9 will be used only for pilot training."

Switzerland is not a member of the United Nations, but has promised to respect the international arms and trade embargo against South Africa.

That, however, did not prevent the Swiss Army Air Force from sending its Mirage crews to South Africa from 1982 to 1988 to gain practical experience from South

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army air force contends that it was "strictly informal exchange involving a only handful of pilots." Air force officials in Bern said last week that the Swiss pilots were not in uniform, "never engaged in operational missions and did not

missions at the time over Namibia

and Angola in the same type of

lo turn, South African Mirage

pilots were invited to hone their

flying skills in Switzerland. The

Mirage-3 interceptor.

violate Swiss military regulations." The Defense Department in Bern asserts that it was never informed by its chiefs of staff about the exchange. The Department of Foreign Affairs has condemned the deal as "politically unjustified," hut sees no reasons for banning the sale of Pilatus trainers to the South

African Air Force. In Switzerland, the Pilatus, which can be fitted with floats or skis, is used for depositing alpinists on glaciers and dropping fodder to snowbound livestock.

With our plane it is harder to kill someone than with a simple knife," the Pilatus chairman, Ernst Thomke, asserted last mooth. Aviation experts rate the single-

engine turboprop as a "multipur-pose" aircraft that can be fined with underwing stations for rocket pods and other ordnance. The Nouveau Quotidies of Lau-

sanne last month obtained photographs of a Burmese Air Force PC-7 "liaisoo aircrafi" hristling with Belgian-made rocket pods, a French 20mm cannon and a 120-

kilogram bomb. Faced with the Burmese evidence. Pilatus officials conceded that the Swiss ban on military exports to conflict areas had been violated.

Germany **Tightens**

Agence France-Presse

BERLIN — Border police began deploying a force of 1,600 auxilianes along Germany's eastern frontiers Monday to help combat a flood of illegal immigration that new regulations have failed to

The first 50 auxiliaries, who have been recruited for three years and have undergone a six-week training program, have been stationed along the border with Poland and Czechoslovakia, according to Diethelm Brücker, head of the border police in Eastern Germany.

The rest of the auxiliaries will be deployed along the same frontiers by the end of the year, alongside 3,000 regular members of the border police, he said.

Last year, Mr. Brücker said, 310,000 migrants entered Germany illegally, 80 percent of them originating from Romania and Bulgaria. Nearly 28,000 of them immediately applied for asylum, benefiting from laws that provide them with housing and money while their request is being considered.

grants, Mr. Brücker said.

In the eastern city of Halberstadt, meanwhile, the police said Monday that four neo-Nazi youths had been arrested for desecrating a memorial to Jews killed during the Nazi era.

The police said that three of the youths kept watch while the fourth, using a homemade stencil, sprayed swastikas and the German imperial eagle on the Stones of Remembrance, a monument in central

BANANAS: Uproar Over Quotas

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from Chile will be drastically limit- American supermarket prices." ed under a new European Community measure that mandates a 19 largest producer, has announced percent drop in European apple that on July 1 it will offer a dis-

imports, to 611,000 tons this year. For Latin America's heads of the marvels of free markets are now

Endara and the presidents of Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Gua-should lobby in Brussels, should temala, Honduras, and Nicaragua, cut productioo growth and should pray for a hurricane in Ecuador." against Europe. The biggest beneficiaries of the

ribbean - will be American banana caters. "After July I, you are going to have 40 million boxes of bananas loose on the world market," pre-

dicted Francisco Swett, general

manager of Exportadora Bananera

Indonesia Troops Seize In the first quarter of 1993, police intercepted 12,500 illegal immi-

The Associated Press DILL Indonesia - Indonesian troops have captured the new leader of rebels fighting for independence in East Timor, officials said

Major L. Simbolon, a spokes-man for the East Timor Military Command, said Antonio Gomes Da Costa, 47, was captured in a cave in Manufahi village in Ainaro, about 50 kilometers south of Dili. East Timor's capital,

Noboa, S.A., Ecuador's largest exunified Europe. Apple imports
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easily be a 10 percent drop in

Costa Rica, the world's secondcount of 50 cents to \$1 on its 40-For Latin America's heads of pound boxes. With prices ranging state, Europe's exhortations about from \$4 to \$4.50 a box, the discount could be as high as 25 percent.

"The European Community wants to give us a tremendous to give us a tremendous be a price war," John M. McMillin. blow, one which goes against all the a food industry analyst for Prudenfree-trade rules and principles tial Securities Inc., predicted in a which they have been preaching for telephone interview from New so long," President Guillermo Endara of Panama said at a meeting about the issue in Ecuador. What's going to happen to the milions of excess bananas that can't The meeting, attended by Mr. go into Europe on July 1?"

He added, "U.S. companies



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new restrictions — besides the former colonies in Africa and the Ca-

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ogy as another way to go over the ad of a probing press corps.
"People are going to be taken in by the glamour of having a hot line of their own to the White House," said Jarol P. Manheim, a professor of political communication at George Washington University. And the glamour is going to blind them potentially to the level of management of information that inevitably lies behind anything they put out. The danger is that people perceive it as unfiltered when in fact the filter is one step back so that it's being done by those who produce rather than

gather the news." Opening the White House to new ways of communicating, however, does not guarantee a positive response. One computer user named Anthony recently fired off a message to the White House attacking

Mr. Clinton's economic plan and saying he hoped the president would "stop dividing this country by economic class for crass politi-

cal purposes."
Hundreds of computer messages, known as E-mail, are sent to the White House each day. A man named John Jackson recently sent prime uninister and is, technically, an electronic message there and got a reply from a man named Alan Gore, who apparently does not work in the administration.

"You are not THE Al Gore ARE YOU?" Mr. Jackson asked. "No," chimed in a man named Marc Perkel, who was also on line,

"he ain't the Veep." Then Alan Gore replied himself: The Veep is Albert, and I'm Alan," he wrote. "Don't feel bad. Since the election, I have gotten quite a few phone calls (one ob-scene) and E-mail messages from people who are confused over the

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charges against Mr. Andreotti, a Christian Democrat. Illicit funding of politicians and their parties have been at the heart of a scandal in which hundreds of politicians and businessmen have been accused of trading bribes for public works contracts.

The amounts involved are said to have run into billions of dollars and the disclosures have shocked even those Italians who always suspected their politicians were corrupt but now seem amazed by the scale of the scandal

Mr. Andreotti has insisted that he knew nothing of the scandal because he was not directly involved with his party's accounting. The tally of involvement among Italy's political and business elite has been growing steadily. With Mr. Forlani, Mr. Andreotti is the third former prime minister to be accused of misdoing, along with the Socialist leader, Bettino Craxi, whose party has been badly dam-

aged by the investigation.

Of the 24 ministers in Prime Minister Giuliano Amato's cabinet when he took office last June, six have resigned after being implicated in the scandal. Senior executives

prime minister and is, technically, merely a life senator in the Italian Parliament, he still wields powerful influence and is seen by many Italians as a man with a lot of political

His supporters among the divided Christian Democrats, thus, have rallied to his defense over the charges of Mafia association, formally asking magistrates to investigate whether evidence against him - based on the testimony of gangland informers - is being orchestrated as part of a conspiracy to

undermine him Mr. Andreotti himself has de-

picted the charges of Malia association as part of a vendetta to avenge the anti-Malia legislation enacted during his leadership of the

COUNTY His fellow upper-house sensions are to meet on April 14 to decide whether his parliamentary immunity should be lifted so that he can face trial, as the Sicilian magistrates have requested. The date is inscribed on a political calendar that could conceivably institute fundamental changes in the way

Italy is run. Four days later, on April 18, Italians are to vote in a series of 10 referendums that are being widely interpreted in Italy as a judgment on the pork-barrel politics that Mr. Andreotti and Mr. Craxi have

come to symbolize. One of the referendums, in particular, on the electoral law for the Senate, would change the system of pure proportional representation that has produced endless, revolved ing-door governments in Italy sinds the end of World War II.

The system, devised in the aftermath of Benito Mussolini's Fascist rule, led to endiess horse-trading among the same players to form short-lived coalition governments. From there, it was an easy step to the political patronage that inspired the bribery and corruption scandal Italians call the system "partitocracy", meaning that the party machines, not governments

or Parliament, wielded real power, If Italians vote to change the dectoral law for the Senate, and replace it with a system weighting the vote in favor of parties with the highest ballot, then pressure will mount for similar changes in the

lower house. The scandal has gnawed away at the credibility of Mr. Amato's govemment, which is now cast by many Italian commentators as little more than a caretaker, awaiting the outcome of the referendum to start what the process toward early elections.

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THORNY SPLIT FOR FRENCH SOCIALISTS — Laurent Fabins, 46, who was removed as Socialist leader in a party split, leaving party headquarters Monday in Paris. He will be succeeded by Michel Rocard, 62, the former prime minister who led the effort to remove Mr. Fabius.

In 'New' Europe, Old Signs of Political Strain

PARIS — With opinion polls showing voters all over Europe fed up with the leaders and parties that have dominated polities for decades, at first glance the French elections last month seemed to realfirm the strength of mainstream democratic politics.

On a continent where far-right parties have been making hay out of rising popular frustration over the social and economic problems caused by foreign immigration and turnoil in formerly Communist countries, this was no small comfort.

But three years after the epochal changes that followed the collapse of communism in Europe, signs of crisis in the political systems that insured the success of its free societies during the Cold War remain evident everywhere - from Britsin to Germany in the north, from Spain to Greece in the south.

"My children are aged between 17 and 20, and when they get together with their friends, they don't talk about politics," said Jean-Manuel Bourgois, a French pub-lisher. They talk about whether any of them or their friends will have jobs after they finish their studies."

Worry about mounting unemployment and the sagging economy is the underlying issue everywhere, but there is also confusion about the purpose and strategic future of Western European societies now that "Western Europe" is no longer forced to lead a separate existence.

The French, with more than 3 million people out of work - 10.6 percent of the labor force -did what voters in the United States did in November after they concluded that the government in power was

threw the governing party out and brought in the established opposition. And just as nearly a fifth of American voters registered their frustration by vot-ing for the independent candidate Ross PeroL nearly 20 percent of the French electorate supported environmental movements and parties like the far-right National Front ted by Jean-Marie Le Pen. But the new conservative prime minis-ter, Edouard Balladur, now has two years

to show that he can do better trying to

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solve economic problems and to define the

new Europe than President François Mit-

It is in addressing the future of Europe that the real problems begin, because the European economies are closely linked,

and in Germany and Italy as well as in

France, leaders and parties that have been

in power for years have run out of fresh

There is also a sense that conventional politics is increasingly corrupt, and its practitioners are being discredited — no-

where, perhaps, more thoroughly than in

Italy, where an entire generation of leaders

now stands accused of having been in the

pocket of organized crime for decades.

weakened by scandals over alleged linan-cial corruption and the bealth service's

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ister Felipe González, in office since 1982,

has been steadily losing popularity be-

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later this year.
"The French have put an end to an administration that, just as in Spain, of-fered a sad balance of unemployment and generalized corruption," he said. In Germany, Chancellor Helmut Kohl

faces general elections in the fall of 1994. Since unification, his conservative-liberal coalition government has been paralyzed by one petry scandal after another, as well as by a broader indecision about the economic and strategic problems that assailed the country after reunification two and a half years ago.

unemployment, which has reached 17 per-cent. José Maria Aznar, leader of the op-position People's Party, contends that the

French election results presaged a similar outcome when elections are held in Spain

The most recent scandal involves the transportation minister, a man from East-Germany named Günther Krause. who insisted on getting a sizable govern-ment subsidy for his cleaning woman.

Mr. Kohl's Social Democratic opponent, Bjorn Engholm, is in no better shape after disclosures that an important party ally had been making payments to a mem-ber of Mr. Kohl's Christian Democratic Party, who had upped off Mr. Engholm five years ago to plans to discredit him by spreading false rumors.

Strong showings in regional elections by rightist German parties like the Republi-cans, and a wave of far-right attacks against foreigners last year that killed 17 people, raised fears that Germans were sliding back into evil old ways.

But in France, the National Front party of Mr. Le Pen, who appeared at campaign rallies with a private police force that bore stronger resemblance than anything in

Germany today to the Nazi SA paramili-taries, drew a strong protest vote in the first round of the two-stage French elec-

Mr. Le Pen's party won no seats in the legislature in the second runoff round, on March 28, and neither did the coalition of environmental parties that represented the other side of the spectrum of what many had hoped or feared would turn out to be a

new politics to replace the old.

In both France and Germany, a revival of French-German cooperation is seen as the best way of reinjecting vigor into the European Community, and almost the first thing Mr. Balladur did after being named was to announce plans to see Mr. Kohl in Germany on April 22.

The new French government is expected to press the Germans harder than Mr. Mitterrand did to get the independent Bundesbank to lower short-term German interest rates and to allow the French to bring theirs down and stimulate their flag-

ging economy.

The Germans are used to living quite happily for the past 12 years with a weak France," said Pierre Lellouche, foreign policy adviser to Jacques Chirac, leader of France's conservative Gaullist party.

But like many German politicians and central bankers. Mr. Lellouche said he thought the common European currency foreseen by the Maastricht treaty by the end of the decade would never come to

"The treaty is a dead letter." he said. Marie-France Garaud, an opponent of the treaty who is president of the International Institute of Geopolitics in Paris. disagreed. "There is already a de facto common currency, the Deutsche mark,

North Italy League **Gains Credibility**

A Majer Investigation

By Alan Cowell New York Times Service

MILAN - Not too long ago. Umberto Bossi's brash invective and tousled mop of hair seemed emblematic of a lunatic fringe of northern Italians given to strange garb and fanciful dreams of separation from what they depicted as the slothful, tax-evading sump of the south. These days, they are not so easy to dismiss.

More than any other political group in Italy, Mr. Bossi's Northern League has benefited from the disgrace of more orthodox parties embroiled in the nation's widening bribery and corruption scandal. Their downfall has propelled his party to prominence and popularity with a speed matched in Italy's recent history only by Benito Mussolini's Fascists in the 1920s.

Yet, in this northern city at the heart of Mr. Bossi's fiel, there are many who believe the league is close to colliding with the limits of its support. "It started as a protest against the political system and that system is crumbling, so what's there left to protest about?" a Milan banker said

Indro Montanelli, the conservative editor of Il Giornale, a Milan newspaper, predicted that the league "will get a lot of votes" in the early national election expected this year. But he adds, "I don't think it will get the majority, even in the north." It is the league's rough-and-ready expression of northern xenophobia
—even racist attitudes toward southerners and immigrants — that deters

Italians more accustomed to an air of style and sophistication among their politicians, however corrupt they have turned out to be..... The Northern League promotes the vision of a federal, free-market Italy with strict immigration laws, tax-paying citizens and tight fiscal control over money sent south, with the goal of stiffening the economic.

muscle of that region.

When Mr. Bossi, a 52-year-old medical school dropout, was asked on a television talk show the other night which books had influenced his

"The cultural level of the league is very, very low." Mr. Montanelli said.
"And, as politicians, some of them are illiterate."
Nonetheless, from modest beginnings 14 years ago, the league took 9 percent of the vote in national elections a year ago. Individually, more voters — 240,000 — voted for Mr. Bossi than for any other politician. In municipal elections in a string of northern towns in December, the league took 30 to 40 percent of the vote, emerging as the single biggest party and supplanting such traditional stalwarts as the Christian Democrats and the Socialists, who have been at the center of the country's kickback

Mr. Bossi behaves and talks much like a man whose hour has come. "The moment has arrived to enter the ring," he said in a published interview. "We are ready."

Casting the powerful Roman Catholic Church as the backer of their sworn adversary, the Christian Democrats, some league members got into a public tussle last year with the highly respected archbishop of Milan, Cardinal Carlo Maria Martini. They accused the Vatican of political meddling and called Cardinal Martini the confessor of a corrupt political class, an accusation they eventually retracted under pressure.

More startling was a remark last year by Gianfranco Miglio, regarded by some as the league's ideologue, who termed the Holocaust an "error of style" in comments urging a resurgence of German political power in

"If for Miglio the Holocaust was only a matter of style, I would suggest he consult a good dictionary," said Tullia Zevi, the head of Italy's principal Jewish organization.

Last year league officials in the northern city of Trento posted bills telling southern Italians to "go home," prompting Mr. Bossi to suspend them from the parry. He has cast himself as a moderating influence on the high passions stirred by what the league describes as the inefficiency of the south but also by the far broader issue of immigration into Italy from the Third World.

On the problem of immigration, our position is very firm," said Marco Formentini, the leader of the league's parliamentary group.
"We do not think that the country has structures for its own citizens, he said, "so it makes little sense to allow foreigners in."

Initially called the Lombard League, the organization was founded by Mr. Bossi with a few like-minded northerners in 1979. They took their name directly from the league of northern cities in the 12th and 13th centuries that rebelled against the Holy Roman emperors.

The party's appeal reflects a longstanding complaint among northerners: with 15 percent of the population, the industrialized, affluent Lombardy region provides 25 percent of the gross national product, pays 125 percent of the taxes but receives only 18 percent of the pie in state ervices while billions go unaccounted for in subsidies and other payouts to the Mafia-dominated, politically connected south.

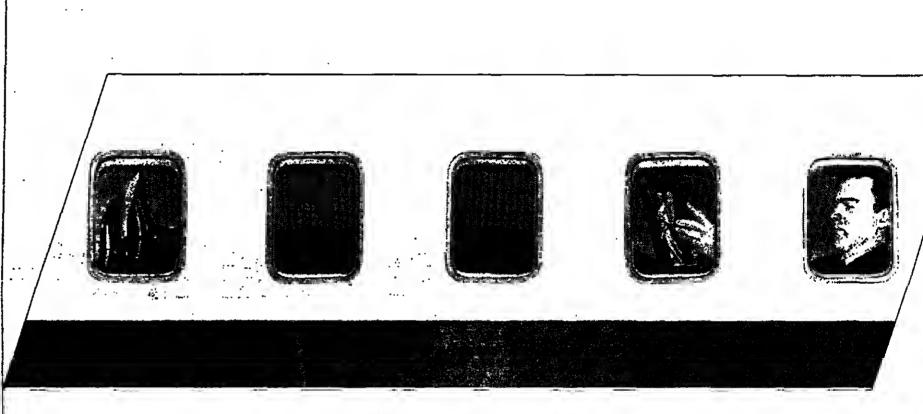
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Vancouver Commitment

couver meeting, President Bill Clinton has now committed himself to direct and vigorous help for Russia's endangered democracy. Foreign aid cannot guarantee the survival of reform in Russia; only the Russians themselves can do that. But the United States is now moving much further than the Bush administration's balfhearted efforts to see that Russia's reformers at least will not fail for lack of support from abroad.

As the public statements in Vancouver made clear, providing that support requires a careful balance. In Russia there are already charges from President Boris Yeltsin's adversaries that he is allowing the West to interfere too deeply in his country's affairs. Over the past generation, most aid from one country to another has been carefully conditioned on political and economic performance. It would be perilous to try to set any condition but the essential one. adherence to democratic government, for a Russia in the midst of revolution that is peaceful but nonetheless real.

The solution is to emphasize, at this point, mainly the more tangible and visible kinds of help. There will be food and (a particularly urgent need) medical supplies. But beyond that there will be many kinds of technical

In the powerful symbolism of the Van- ... sic ance. Trade can do more to encourage an open economy in Russia than any amount of aid the West can send, Mr. Clinton was right to emphasize trade and offer to dismantle the Cold War restrictions on it.

These measures also commit President Clinton to a necessary fight with the isolationists who are now reappearing at the extremes of both right and left in American politics. The answer to them is that it is in the American interest to promote a benign Russia mainly concerned with the development of its internal economy. But the basic question is whether the United States is capable, after all these years, of conducting a forceful foreign policy without the Soviet

Mr. Yeltsin returns home with more than the promise of some material help. He has shown his country that its present troubles, and its destiny, have engaged the sharp concern and sympathy of the rest of the world. That message will be amplified in the coming months through a series of international meetings culminating next summer in the Tokyo conference of the big industrial democracies. That assurance may prove to be important far beyond the value of the wheat and the dollars now being sent.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Take a Look at Dumping

Shortly before leaving office, the Bush administration ordered a study to determine the impact of U.S. laws that provide for retaliation against unfair trade prac-tices. Now the Cliaton administration is moving to hold up the inquiry, inviting posed retaliatory tariffs against Japanese suspicion that President Bill Clinton is cavexports of flat-panel display screens, used

ing in to protectionist pressures. Under the laws, retaliatory tariffs are imposed against goods that are dumped --sold in the United States below the exponer's cost of production - or subsidized by foreign governments. Such retaliation can be proper. America, for example, was right to threaten retaliation when Europeans unjustifiably subsidized the production of

soybeans, blocking U.S. sales abroad. But in other cases the laws appear to be misused. They define dumping as selling goods in the United States below production cost or below the price a producer charges in its home market. But critics charge that the way the United States makes these comparisons is often biased, and designed to protect domestic producers with political influence. For example, the rules allow the government to search

for isolated instances where the foreign company sold below cost, and ignore all the times it charged more.

The damage caused by unjust retaliation can be substantial. The United States imin laptop computers, even though American companies did not manufacture some types of these screens. That forced American computer manufacturers who use the screens to relocate production abroad in order to escape the tariff.

The study would determine how well these anti-dumping laws function in practice. It might find that they generally protect efficient American companies against foreigners violating fair trade rules. But if the study uncovers widespread abuse, it could instruct Congress how to rewrite the laws so that they would no longer serve protectionist purposes.

As Mr. Clinton embarks on his get-tough trade policy, he needs to scrutinize America's own practices -- by going forward with the study he seemingly wants to obstruct.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Two Sick Democracies

of a country with a free press, and it is now dogging the people who run several of the big democracies. In two Japan and Italy. the wave of scandals has reached a scale that threatens not only politicians but the structure of national politics itself.

Those are two very different countries, but they have one interesting characteristic in common: The government of each has been dominated by one party for a very long time. After World War II, voters in both countries put their governments more or less permanently in the hands of the center-right. In Japan the Liberal Democrats have been in power continuously since the party was formed in 1955, and precursor conservatives for seven years before that, ftaly's Christian Democratic Party bas been in every cabinet since 1945 and has headed most of them.

Italy's government has often been described as unstable because of the perpetual reshuffling of cabinets, but in reality it has been stable to a fault. The most prominent figure among the Christian Democrats, Giulio Andreotti, now under investigation for ties to the Mafia, first became a cabinet

Scandal is always a force in the public life minister in 1954 and has been prime minis-

ter seven times since then. The Korean War did a lot to establish the idea in Japan that the left was dangerous; in-Italy the principal opposition was the Cominto machines in which fund raising became obsessive. That is where they got into trouble that was aggravated, in Italy's case, by the general feeling on the right that anything was justified to keep the Communists at bay.

In Japan it is possible that the Liberal Democratic Party will spbt in response to the endless revelations of huge payoffs. Some of its leaders are talking of founding a new party, and an election is expected in the fall. In Italy, the day of reckoning is much closer. Later this month there will be a referendum which, if successful, will force drastic reforms on a voting system that now gives immense power to the party organizations. By breaking their grip, the voters could transform the whole style of government. With the Communist threat no longer available to stiffen support for bad old customs, Italy seems to be moving toward a sweeping and profound reorganization of its public life.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

The Chamber Talks Back

Ever since 1912, when William Howard Taft asked a group of business leaders to form an umbrella group to represent American business interests, successive Republican administrations have counted on the U.S. Chamber of Commerce to build support for their economic pro-grams. But neither President Taft nor any of his Republican successors treated the chamber as anything other than a trade organization, albeit an important and sympathetic one. Now that relationship is being altered in odd ways. The reason is some House Republicans, led by Newt Gingrich and Robert Michel.

Besides being resentful of President Bill Clinton's recent legislative successes, Republican conservatives in the House of Representatives are enraged with the chamber for not opposing the Democratic administration down the line, and they are not hiding their bitterness. They have demanded that the chamber publicly renounce its working relationship with the administration, are reportedly pressuring businesses to withdraw from chamber membership, and have called for the resignation of key chamber leadership in Washington.

The chamber, however, appears to have its reasons for working with the Democratic Congress and the president. Its counsel is being sought by the Democrats.

And on issues such as relieving the credit crunch for small business and seeking ways to control health care costs, the White House and the business community

find themselves sharing some ground. In addition, Chamber of Commerce officials, who met not long ago with more than 1,800 of their members in five regions of the country, said the message at those sessions was the same: The members were sick and tired of the Washington gridlock, tired of the chamber's perennial adversarial role, and they wanted to see some action on economic problems. Now there has been a small backfire from the House chamber people seem sore.

Said Ivan Gorr, the chamber's board chairman in a March 3! letter to Robert Michel with copies to all House Republicans: "Our members represent the broad diversity of the American business community. They include Republicans, Democrats, independents, conservatives, moderates and liberals. Our members are unified by their interest in creating and preserving the best business climate, and we have been - and will remain - determined to safeguard that interest whether or not our positions are pleasing to any political par-

ty or policy group." Ouch. - THE WASHINGTON POST.

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Clinton Joins the Drive to Help Reform Win in Russia

WASHINGTON — April is the cruelest W month," wrote the poet T.S. Eliot,
... mixing Memory and desire."
In the April that features the first global

presidential campaign, Boris Yeltsin is reminding both his compatriots and former superpower compentors of the threat to freedom of revanchist apparatchiks, while fanning the desire "to move from general assurances to pragmatic, specific acts."

In this noble enterprise, Bill Clinton has joined what amounts to the Friends of Boris,

He put the fate of the Russian government into the hands of the people of Russia. That is a very great thing."

a network of shallow-pocketed political leaders, cautious entrepreneurs and many of us gung ho multimedia types. The immediate goal of the new FOB: without appearing intrusive, to help the Russian reformers win the April 25 referendum.

That was the sole purpose of the Vancouver summit. Such outside political aid has its precedents: Nikita Khrushchev confessed he tried to help John Kennedy defeat Richard Nixon, and Leonid Brezhnev later tried to prop up Mr. Nixon at a summit after Watergate; in the other direction, Ronald Reagan and George Bush tried to support Mikhail Gorbachev against Mr. Yeltsin's challenge. The success rate of intercontinental carpet-

bagging has not been high.

But an unbroken string of flops is no reason not to give the April referendum our best shot. Last weekend's meeting - more a pep raily than what Winston Churchill called "a By William Safire

parley at the summit"—should be judged in the light of what it set out to do.

Did it send inspiring pictures home to Russia? Yes; the sbot of Mr. Yeltsin disdaining an umbrella that symbol of weakness and ap-peasement preferring to stand in the cold Canadian rain hatless and fearless, was as close as he could come to climbing on a tank. (Mr. Clinton had to follow suit; only their host, Brian Mulroney, classily stepping down as prime minister to preserve his party's national leadership, could afford to take cover like a sensible person.)

And at the joint press conference at the conclusion of their worldwide photo op, Mr. Yeltsin came off not as a mendicant but as a proud, forceful statesmen leading a potentially rich country. "These are not Christmas presents," he said of what he called "the Clinton package." Not the Bush-era pie in the

sky: "These are real figures that are doable."
The Vancouver meeting was a telegenic campaign event, milked beforehand with a send-off rally of \$0,000 Siberians, and presumably to be followed by a welcome bome-Boris, you didus-proud rally upon arrival home.

In coming weeks, Russians should be treated to tangible evidence of the trip's results: not another multibillion dollar promise, but food on the docks and visible deals in the works. The first priority makes husiness sense: to get Western investors to develop Russia's oil and gas resources.

Before the referendum, Japan should drop its burniliating demand for the return of territory before joining in economic aid; Richard Nixon, an original Friend of Boris, is not on his way to Tokyo this week to sniff the cherry blossoms. The Group of Seven ministerial meeting in that city will be held on April 14,

involving the rest of the industrial world in

the Russian referendum. How does the coming show of global support for Mr. Yeltsin affect Mr. Clinton's image? At past summits the spin doctors of both sides made their man look good at the expense of the other; this time pundits everywhere were serviced by high-level American spin doctors marveling at the wit, wisdom, dignity and sheer

gutsiness of the Russian leader. Of course, a pitch is also made about the skill and grace of the young American presi-dent at his first superpower outing, and it cannot be denied that he did his homework,

at his joint press conference.
But despite the tut-tutted unpopularity of

showed due deference, and made no mistakes

foreign aid, Mr. Climon is expending little political capital in the bipartisan backing of Bons. The summit in the cruelest month was neather a test of diplomatic skill no. In exhibition of national nerve. There may come a day when Mr. Clinton has to negotiate strongly from a weak position, or to face down a foreign leader at a tense summit; this was not that day. Vancouver was an early moment in a mo-

mentous political campaign, and Clinton the experienced campaign consultant zeroed in on candidate Yeltsin's central message and his opposition's weakness: "He trusts the Russian people. He put the fate of the Russian government into the hands of the people of Russia. That is a very great thing.

The New York Times.



Clinton Could Rally Americans Behind Intervention in Bosnia

BOSTON -- How far can Serbian leaders go in their contempt for the rules of international order with-

out provoking a meaningful reaction from the U.S. government? fs there a limit to the shame President Bill Clinton will feel without acting? Those questions are raised by Ser-

bian conduct in recent days. It has been increasingly brazen, increasingly contemptuous of United Nations orders and world hand-wringing. The Serbs have stopped trying to conceal their belief that the United Nations and in particular the United States are paper tigers.

Thus the Bosnian Serbs, in their self-styled parliament, refused to make even an empty gesture toward the Vance-Owen plan for peace in Bosnia. They flatly rejected it. Their leader, Radovan Karadzic, said that in three weeks they would unite the territory they hold, more than 70 percent of Bosnia, with the 30 percent of Croatia seized by Serbian gummen there. The next step will be Anschluss By Anthony Lewis

unification - with Serbia itself. The Serbs broke a cease-fire to resume shelling Srebrenica, one of the last towns in eastern Bosnia held by the Bosnian government forces. It was "a flagrant violation," said a Canadian spokesman for the UN reliefforces, Commander Barry Frewer.

No one can doubt any longer whatthe Serbs intend to do. They are going to keep on killing Muslims, and driving them out by terror, until they have all of Bosnia that they want, President Clinton has so far responded to Serbian aggression with

actions far more timid than what be favored as a candidate last summer. Then he called for U.S. bombing of Serbian military targets and ending the arms embargo on Bosnian government forces. Now be has dropped food to encircled Bosnians and got the United Nations to vote for the meaningless enforcement of the no-flight zone. His timidity is

understandable in political terms. Several factors have held him back from real action.

First, pubbe opinion is not in favor of U.S. involvement in the conflict. Relatively few Americans probably know about the Nazi-like methods used by the Serbs. Shamefully, reporters failed to ask a single question about the issue at Mr. Clinton's March 23 press conference. Newspaper editorials have faded away.

Second, the president has wanted to keep attention - his and the public's - focused on his domestic program. He broke that rule only when Bonis Yeltsin's crisis seemed to him to demand an immediate response.

Third, General Colin Powell, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, has argued that air strikes on Serbian forces would be ineffectual. Defense Secretary Les Aspin, off to a fumbling start in his job, has taken the Powell line.

Fourth, U.S. allies have argued against any strong U.S. action. The British and Franch, who have troops among the UN forces protecting Bosnian relief operations, fear that they will be attacked by the Serbs if the United States does anything.

All those are gennine reasons. But they will not count for much if, in the end, the world's only superpower has allowed a policy of racial terror to succeed in Europe in the last decade of the 20th century. Mr. Clinton knows that, He and

his advisers are increasingly con-cerned and ashamed at what is going on in Bosnia. Why is it up to him to act? For the reason that Margaret Thatcher explained in a speech at the U.S. Naval Academy recently: "There is no escape ... from the leadership of America."

The issue in Bosnia, Lady Thatcher correctly said, is "resolve." The West "in fact has the aircraft and the missiles to go in and take out the . Serbe." The Serbian aggressors are

not the brave Partisans of World War II. They are cowards who kill women and children.

women and children.

If Mr. Clinton has the resolve —
the courage, the determination — I
do not doubt that he could win the
necessary support in Congress and the country for strong action. After all, a case is not hard to make.

My fellow Americans, nearly 50 years ago we and our allies defeated the menace of Hitler and the Nazis. We cannot allow Nazi methods to be revived successfully on the continent of Europe. It would be too terrible for us and our children to let

that specter loose again."
Perhaps Serbian leaders, in their cruelty and disregard for law, will cross a line at which Mr. Clinton's human feelings — his shame at American timedity — will turn into action. Or perhaps the cynics are right, and Democrats' foreign policy is the same as Republicans', only they feel worse.

The New York Times.

Let's Hear From the Military: How Many Troops for How Long?

ANCASTER, England — The debate on military intervention in Bosnia is at cross-purposes. The case in favor is always couched in normative terms, stressing legal, moral or strategie grounds for stopping Serbian aggression, while the case against points only to practical difficulties in doing so.

Nobody opposes the intervention-ist case as such — for example, by arguing that "ethnic cleansing" should be solerated. So in a strict sense there is no elenchus, or refuta-tion; the "should" and the "should not" arguments just go straight past each other. This is unsatisfactory and dangerous. It is dangerous first because a vi-

the usual totalitarian torture tools.

matter of cold bureaucratic practice.

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tal issue is at stake. Outraged public opinion is bound to ask what the point is of maintaining a strong mili-

By Simon King tary capability in Europe, at enormous cost, if wholesale rape and murder can take place with impunity only an bour's flight time from Munich. What do civilized states keep armed forces for, if not to deal with atrocity like this? There can hardly be a senior military officer in the Atlantic alliance who has not been asked, publicly or privately,

"Why don't we do something?"
It is also dangerous because it leads
to warped judgment. Since everybody understands the moral or political imperatives on one side, and too few care about the military practicalities on the other, a bias against realism is created. This can lead, as in Vietnam, to all-around tragedy. An example was provided on this

page by the article "Into a Balkan Quagmire? Take a Closer Look" (Opinion, March 9) by J. P. Mackley, which concluded that the Serbs are "not very good militarily" and un-likely to offer serious opposition to an intervening force. The mistakes in that analysis were serious and instructive. The statement that no Serbian

unit could compete successfully with a U.S. equivalent, undoubtedly true on the level playing field of a training center, is false in the context of operations conducted in forested and mountainous terrain, by partisans wholly familiar with it, fighting alien occupiers. (The British, after all, have about 38,000 security troops in Northern Ireland defending the province against some 200 active terrorists.)

The statement that the Serbs "lack the organizational ability or communications to organize battle maneuvers on a large scale" reveals ignorance of the Titoist concept, born of Partisan experience in World War II, of "total national defense."

If such assertions are influential in belittling the operational difficulties, interventionists will underestimate the commitment required. They may assume that two divisions will suffice, as urged by Mr. Mackley, instead of the 500,000-strong force suggested by Michael Dewar of the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

The parallel with Vietnam is apt.

The fact that the strategic and moralpolitical motives of proponents of intervention in Bosnia may be titterly opposed to those of the proponent of intervention in Vietnam is quite irrelevant. What matters is that in each case interventionists behave as if military realities were unimportant compared to the larger goal.

This forces an urgent reconsider-ation of the relationship of the military to the society which employs it. As public opinion becomes increasingly central to a democratic government's ability to undertake and sustain intervention operations, so it becomes more important that public opinion should be better informed of military realities.

The essential problem is the nonpublic character of military planning. which prevents military considerations from exercising their proper weight on the public mind. This is the result of outmoded civil-military relations, by which the civil power decides on the need for military action and the military takes responsibility for conducting it. Military planners come to the public eye only after the war decision has been made.

In the information age, this is no longer appropriate to democratic policy-making processes.

Military doctrine, which expresses how forces will light, is at the heart of planners' assessment of what a particular operation with de-

fined objectives will involve, in

terms of force levels and mix, logis-

tics burdens, equipment require-

of the situation after the conflict. A basic understanding of these realities is steadily becoming a pre-requisite for policy analysis ("Is this a quagmire or not?"), not an esoteric post-requisite to be left to the pro-

fessionals after the decision to step in has been taken. The issue is delicate, as it implies a degree of military bypassing of civil-ian government controls, and therefore requires irreproachable professional integrity. But this the U.S.

military is well qualified to deliver.

The key result of the Victnam defeat was the American military's recognition of the need for intellectual self-defense against policymakers who took military capability for granted. The result has been not only a corpus of military analysis and debate, conducted in the pages of U.S. service journals, of exceptional penetration and vigor, but a command climate in which clarity of intellect. integrity of purpose, articulateness of expression and breadth of historical and social knowledge have reached extraordinarily high levels.

So it is plausible to entrust the U.S. services to channel military doctrine and planning assessments directly to their public affairs offices, to provide neutral and dispassionate guidance to the society from which they draw their men and women, on matters that may cost them their lives.

This was the basic purpose of the Pentagon's annual publication "Soviet Military Power," unsatisfactory example though that proved in some ways. To take the case of Bosnia, the properties in the take II S. American suggestion is that the U.S. Army or Marine Corps might produce, at the defense secretary's invitation, an authoritative public appraisal of the commitments required to deal with this contingency, according to particular desired outcomes.

It would not have to be highly detailed or compromising as to mis-sion accomplishment, but it would have to expand on the key issues: How many men, for how long, at what cost, and with what degree of

risk? Twenty-five thousand men for six months, or 500,000 for 10 years? For the military to provide expert and neutral analysis at early stages of the policy debate would be beneficial. Such an approach would improve the quality of public debate over a possible intervention, render the impact of public opinion on the policy decision less capricious, and allow the military to establish early and trustworthy links with the media at the outset of the policy process.

Now is the time when the U.S. military should be informing the public, not during the subsequent implementation of unrealistic policy made in response to ill-informed public pressure. It is easier to express this sugges-

tion in terms of U.S. civil-military relations because they are very much more open, American culture (as on many issues) having moved so much further down the path of meeting the

challenges of democracy.

It is harder to translate it into (for example) the British context, where the military has been conditioned to the muteness appropriate to civil servants. But the need for such a solution is equally pressing in Eu-rope, where public opinion is equal-ly vociferous and underinformed, and military doctrine much further behind the yeil.

Somehow, the report from qualified surveyors has to be obtained.

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International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Poet's Middle Age LONDON - Algernon Charles

Swinburne's lifty-sixth birthday occurred yesterday [April 5]. It is perhaps almost saddening in one way to reflect that, unlike Keats and Shelley, he has had to submit to middle age, but Mr. Swinburne, though he has left long behind him the little outbursts which shocked the "Mrs. Grundy" of the seventies, has lost none of the fire of his youth Mr. Swinburne resides with his friend Mr. Watts in the quietude of Putney.

1918: Praising the Press

FRENCH BATTLEFRONT — Wel-coming the Associated Press corre-spondent and other war correspondents on the French battlefront, General Foch to-day [April 4] ex-pressed the hope that they would continue their work for the interests of the common cause of the Allies, and then spoke to them of the situation. He said, "All is going well. Look

at the small advances made by the Boches, to call them by their real name, on March 27, 28 and 30. It is now April 4 and it is clearly evident that the tidal wave of the German armies has been broken on the shore. Now they are against an embankment - completely stopped."

1943: War in Cancasus LONDON -- [From our New York-

edition:] Russian forces driving against the Nazi base at Novorossish have captured several populated places in two days of hand-to-hand fighting in the Cancasus, while in the Lizum area of the Donets valley the Russians have turned back new encmy attempts to cross the river. Moscow announced today [April 6]. The midnight communique, recorded here, said also that the Russians con-solidated their position in the ring around Smolensk, and one unit broke through the enemy lines south of Bely and armibilated the occupants of several blockhouses with grenades.

Increase Outside Pressure on the Serbs

action in Serbia, as German cities did in the 1940s.

AGREE that keeping people alive through bumanitarian relief is not a full answer, though it is better than letting them die. The Security Council, the European Community, the new American administration and, with difficulty, the Russians support Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance in what they are attempting

Stop Waffling: Commit Western Forces

HE issue is what is happening today — now — as Bosnian Muslims are killed or driven out of their bomes into the snow on what become death

Muslim women are mass-raped in a programmed campaign, reminiscent of the Mengele experiments at Auschwitz, to change the race of their offspring, to inject Serbian blood into their Islam-contaminated bodies.

Men and boys are starved to death in concentration camps equipped with

The purpose of it all is an official policy of "ethnic cleansing." When

I discussed this with a New York rabbi the other day and he raised some of the

customary objections to Western or U.S. intervention, I replied: "Suppose

those Muslims in Bosnia were Jews." He lowered his head and had no answer.
Or suppose those Muslims were blacks being massacred in South Africa, or in
European ghettos. Would there be learned historical explanations and warnings

of Vietnam quagmire from the mouths or word processors of respected political, civic and religious leaders? To ask the question is to answer it.

To say that what Serbia is doing in Bosnia is not the same as the Final Solution because it does not amount to the planned extermination of a people

is to speak the literal truth, but not to grasp the similarity with what the Nazis

did: the killing, raping or driving out of people because of what they are, Muslims, just as the Nazis killed the Jews.

Another parallel is that there is nothing spontaneous or haphazard about

Serbian actions in Bosnia. Every town or city that is "cleansed" was carefully

selected. The activities that the Serbs engage in when they take a town or

village to "cleanse" it reflect a design of terror that makes killing or mainting a

The commanding reason to act is the commitment that the Western world made after World War II: Never again. Genocide became a crime. Punishment of the guilty by an international tribunal became a high responsibility.

There is only one way to make good on that commitment: Send in Western

forces. Oblige the Serbs in Muslim areas to pull out or face punishing military

- Robert E. Goldmann, commenting for the International Herald Tribune.

Cities are leveled, as Lidice and Oradour-sur-Glane were.

the Russians support Lord Owen and Cyrus Vance in what they are attempting—a plan which would enable Bosmans to live together in one country divided into provinces while respecting the autonomy of the different communities.

The plan will not work without pressure. The main obstacle is the Bosman Serbs, backed by Belgrade [They] face economic sanctions which have not of the no-fly zone and are contributing to it. We are pursuing in New York and elsewhere the tightening of existing senctions and the imposition of a final round. tightening of existing sanctions and the imposition of a final round. Meanwhile the horrors continue. From outside we have not been able to stop them. They cannot, in fact, be ended from outside. But we must not close our minds to new pressures on those mainly responsible. The fighting will not end by a clear-cut military victory [but] when all the combatants, particularly

the Bosnian Serbs, realize that they cannot secure a stable and accepted future for themselves and their children by killing their neighbors. - British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, in The Daily Telegraph (London).

OPINION

When the 'Experts' Fight, Journalists Are Umpires

By Richard Harwood

journalists to compose accurate pictures of the world in which we live. But he envisioned a solution to the problem. Society would create "bureaus of intelligence," staffed by scientists from all the disciplines, to provide us with the "facts" and put us on the path to "truth."

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Over the years these "intelligence bureaus" have sprung up all across Ameri-ca. There are thousands of them, including such government agencies as the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Bureau of Labor Statis-

The problem is endemic when the environment or health is involved.

ucs, the Bureau of the Census, the National Center for Health Statistics, the National Institutes of Health, the National Science Foundation, the Bureau of Economic Analysis and the Central

Intelligence Agency.

Private think tanks, university, state and local research and statistical institutes have evolved along parallel lines. Lobbies and trade associations have created their own "intelligence bureans."

All of these institutions, public and private, are accessible to journalists. They have enlarged and enriched our understanding of the world and have raised the quality of the information we publish and broadcast. I cannot imagine that we could function without them.

But in some ways they have sown confusion and made our lives more difficult. When, as often, "experts" disagree and war among themselves, whose "facts" and "truths" are we to rely on?

President Bill Clinton relies on one set of experts to justify a spending increase of \$9 billion over the next five years on the Head Start program for impoverished children of preschool age. The program works and, Mr. Clinton said, saves taxpayers \$3 in future costs for every dollar invested in it. If Relying on their own experts, govern-

ment and nongovernment, writers for The New York Times and The Washing-ton Post are skeptical of the "lavish" claims for Head Start, Jodie Allen, in a Post essay, asks why Mr. Clinton would put more billions now into a program that has been unable to absorb the funds already available to it and has never pro-duced the "results so frequently claimed." Jason DeParle makes a similar case in a

recent article in The New York Times.

The president says that in dealing with the problem of welfare dependence he will rely heavily on remedial education and job training programs. But Spencer Rich writes in The Washington Post that the General Accounting Office, an arm of Congress, finds that the

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and they are ineffective: "For youth, the
results are negative. For adults, they are positive but marginally so." Whose experts is the ordinary citizen — or the ordinary journalist — to believe?

The problem is endemic when envi-

ronmental and health issues are involved. "Experts say," The New York Times reported last week, "that over the last 15 years environmental policy bas too often evolved largely in reaction to popular panies, not in response to sound scientific analyses. . . It was politics, misinterpreted or inaccurate scientific findings and a newly influential national environmental movement that ... set America down its present path ... with

help from the news media."
Billions have been wasted, according to The New York Times and the experts it quotes, on needless asbestos removal pro-jects and the cleanup of toxic dumps and tainted soils that pose no threat to human health. All this was required by laws passed by legislators who relied on their own experts in and out of government.

Experts at the Occupational Safety and Health Administration have ruled that ordinary beach sand may cause cancer because it contains silica. The ruling was based in part on a test in which six rats, given large doses of silica for an extended period of time, developed tumors; 30 other rats in the test did not. Experts at the National Cancer Institute were unim-pressed, telling The Wall Street Journal: "Silica is not something Mr. and Mrs.

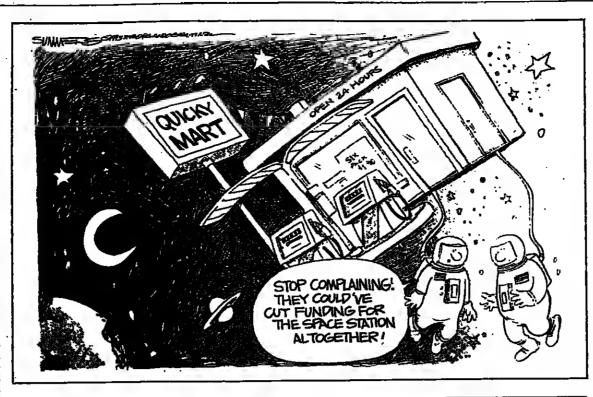
America should be worrying about."

Women have been worried in recent years by what appeared to some experts to be an "epidemic" of breast cancer. Experts today, Gina Kolata writes in The New York Times, now think that the "epidemic" was a false alarm, the result of a "statistical illusion": More cases were being reported only because more women were being examined. The incidence of the disease was unchanged. The popular belief, fed by the media

and some expert criminologists, that America is experiencing an unprecedented crime wave may likewise be a "statisti-cal illusion." The national crime rate actually seems to have been declining in recent years, according to experts in the Census Bureau, the Bureau of Justice Statistics and law enforcement agencies. Crimes against people and households declined between 1973 and 1990. There were fewer murders in 1990 than in 1980.

The esteemed reporter Bob Woodward remarked recently that one of the most important tasks for journalists today is to improve the quality of the information we publish and broadcast. That will require a closer examination of the experts on whom we rely. We need to better understand not only their messages and the evidence on which they are based, but their agendas and motives as well.

The Washington Post.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Defending Macroeconomics Regarding "Economists of the Macro Sort Dan't Do Much Good" (Opinion, March 25) by Robert M. Dunn Jr.:

The author claims that economics is of little practical use and that this applies especially to the so-called macroeconomics. Preposterous.

Macroeconomics is perhaps the most applied of the social sciences, almost like medicine among the physical sciences. The first three Nobel Prize winners in economics were macroeconomists. Two of them, Jan Timbergen and Paul Samuelson, made major contributions to, respectively, economic development and stabilization policies. All of them have left their marks in the development of the

tools necessary for practical applications. Indeed, other social scientists envy us macroeconomists the ability to say something that is of direct practical use. They can testify that macroeconomics deserves at least some credit for the enormous progress we have achieved in the post-Keynesian, postwar period in terms of raising per capita income and preventing major fluctuations like the Great Depression of the 1930s.

Of course some macroeconomics is more abstract, but that is a necessary building block for the applied work much as, say, quantum mechanics or molecular chemistry provides the back-ground needed for practical medicine. And, of course, there are some contri-

butions that most macroeconomists would also regard as aberrations. The author of the article has aptly chosen what is probably the worst case of macrocconomics quackery, namely that of the so-called Laffer Curve, invented by

Arthur Laffer, the apologist for Reagan omics. Economists generally regard this as merely laughable.

FRANCO MODIGLIANI. Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Cambridge, Massachuse

The writer received the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Science in 1985. Different Wars

We learned a hard lesson in Vietnam. Did we learn a different kind of lesson in Irao? Do we now fight only when pain-

less victory is assured? I opposed the war in Vietnam, I doubted the sincerity of President George Bush's rhetoric on the war in Iraq. But 1

would volunteer to fight in Bosnia. D. C. HODGE.

Productivity at Work

Regarding "Cheap Labor, Cheap Fruit; But Is That a Free Market." (Let-ters, Feb. 26) from K. Dixon-Fyle;

The writer repeats old stereotypes. Why is the Laun America banana cheaper? In the first place, because of productivity. While a bectare (2.5 acres) banana produced in Africa averages 17 metric tons per year, to Latin America that average is 40 tons. So a fruit of lower quality, like the one originating from the African plantations, may cost double the one being produced to Amer-ica. Banana workers in Latin America receive salaries above those of other farm workers of their respective countries, and to many cases even higher than to some branches of industry.

These banana workers and their organizations, by their daily struggle, have

secured, on the one hand, greater pro-ductivity and, on the other, better lives and labor conditions for themselves and their families. In general terms, the banana worker enjoys stable employment during the whole year, his income is above the legal minimum, he enjoys housing facilities, basic health services and elementary education for his children. These are goals yet to be obtained in almost all other areas of the agricul-tural economy to Latin America.

ANTONIO RESTREPO. Communications Manager. Unión de Países Exportadores de Banano. Panama City.

A Message on Guns

Regarding "Guns; Stop the Carnage, Ban the Damn Things" (Meanwhile, March 25) by Molly Ivins:

Ms. Ivins hit the mark. The pro-gun lobby in America conveniently over-looks the restrictive clause in the Second Amendment to the Constitution ("A well-regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state ... "). Maybe the answer is to make all prospective gun owners write ont the full text of the amendment 100 times.

PHILIP E. RAKITA. Tokyo.

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Holding On to a Little Bit Of the Island He Loves

By Paul Spencer Sochaczewski

Micronesia in the western Pacific provided people with breadfruit, yams, taro, bananas, coconuts and fish.

Then came the foreigners. American whalers brought smallpox, which nearly ended the tale. American missionaries brought guilt. Germans and Japanese successively controlled the islands. And during the Cold War, American military

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types who spoke in terms of "spheres of influence" brought big, easy money.

Specifically, through an accord called the Compact of Free Association, Micronesia granted the United States exchisive military access throughout its vast territory (a myriad of small islands dotting the ocean), while Washington agreed to underwrite development.

The U.S. contribution, which averages

about \$90 million a year and constitutes some 90 percent of external aid, pays for roads, telecommunications and airports. It also buys, at least indirectly, a lot of soft drinks, beer and imported rice, since at least two-thirds of Micronesian workers hold government-related jobs. Not bad, except that the U.S. handout is di-

minishing and set to end in 2001. What happens then? Cold turkey time. As Bernard Helgenberger, a Pohnpei islander who is secretary for resources and development in the federal government of Micronesia, notes: "People have been taken care of for so many

years that they're used to it." The economic options most people talk about are fishing, tourism, light industry and agriculture. Each is possible, but each comes with its own challenges.

Micronesia's territorial waters are rich with tuna, and the country earned nearly \$15 million in 1990 by licensing fishing rights to Japan, the United States and Australia. Some government planners say the next step should be large-scale fish processing. Pohnpei has completed construction of a big cold-storage plant. A similar facility on Kusaie Island (popula-tion 6,500) is the first phase in a projected \$30 million development to include fishing boats and a cannery.
Yet questions remain about whether

processed fish from Micronesia will be competitive on world markets and whether Kusaie Islanders will he willing to take the 1,000 smelly, unpleasant jobs. On Yap Island, few locals wanted to work to the garment factory that planners had hoped would be a major revenue and job spinner. Sri Lankan women were brought in, but when they insisted on being let out of their ghetto residences, Chinese were imported instead.

But an alternative to development is being considered in Micronesia: to sta-

USAIE, Micronesia — In the be- ditional values and lifestyles. We know ginning, there was subsistence. The fertile islands and rich seas surrounding what is now the Federated States of people rarely give up voluntarily whatos and new cars. But we also know that

os and new cars. But we also know that people rarely give up voluntarily whatever "fruits of development" they enjoy. There is, nevertheless, a strong traditionalist movement in Micronesia, particularly on Kusaie and Yap. The former has implemented a comprehensive review of development; the latter is planning a similar law. Gerson Jackson, head of the Kusaie Office of Budget and Planning, for example, wants to do all he can to ensure that "Kusaie remains Kusaie."

His vision depends largely on the success of a resource management program for the island. It is the only conservation bill in Micronesia to cover not only water,

land and air but also history and culture.
The legislation establishes a development review commission to oversee "the wise use and protection of Kusaie's resources, balancing the needs of economic and social development with those of environmental quality and respect for our traditional ways.

But the crunch of conscience is fast approaching. The commission must soon decide whether to approve a Japanese retirement community and golf course, a Japanese botel catering to Japanese

divers, and an Australian hotel, among other projects. "It's only a principle," 85 they say, "when it costs you money."

Which group will win? Those who are willing to "develop" in order to continue to enjoy Western comforts or the tradi-tionalists who like things pretty much

the way they are?
One day I hitched a ride with John Sigrah, a Kusaie Islander who works at the efficient new Japanese-owned Phoe-nix Marine Sports Club, which plans to bring in about 200 Japanese divers a month, twice the current number of tourist arrivals. He pointed out each plot of land as we drove from the club to my hotel. "The Phoenix land is leased from Isao Sigrah. This plot is owned by Ted Sigrah. He'd like to lease it; know any-one?" I asked John about the future. "I hope there will be more tourists," he said,

good-naturedly, "More money,"
The next day, I climbed a mountain in search of unusual plants with Eric Waguk, a Kusaie government forester. We were part of a team preparing a book on local plants and legends. The book, it is hoped, will spur interest among young islanders in their natural heritage.

We discussed the competing pressures on Kusaie. I asked Eric who would win in the end. He did not hesitate, "I will win. I'll still have my land. The other guys will have leased theirs. We'll see then who has a better life."

The writer is head of creative development at WWF-World Wide Fund for Na-nae International in Switzerland and a professional associate at the East-West Center in Hawati. He contributed this combilize the population and reinforce tra- ment to the International Herald Tribune.

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Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Clinton at the postsummit news conference. The two leaders outlined their views of a new economic and political order for Russia.

Vancouver Message: New World Agenda Opens

By Don Oberdorfer

VANCOUVER. British Columbia --- After more than 30 years of bilateral summit famous phrase, present at the creation of the meetings that seized the rapt attention of the Cold War. world. Washington and Moscow have just changed the subject.

President Bill Clinton and President Boris N. Yeltsin began a process of summit eonsultruions whose main agenda and central focus were the economic and political future of Russia and its place in a world dominated by a global market. This is fundamentally different from the Cold War agenda of bipolar military and ideological confrontation that threatened armed conflict and global annihi-

Mr. Clinton made the point repeatedly in public, as did Mr. Yeltsin to their private meetings, that a long-term program of U.S. and international assistance - not a quiek fix - was essential if Russia was to be brought out of chaos and into a new relationship with other nations. How to forge such a relationship is now the most pressing issue of international life and is likely to be so for

By making at least a tentative, sometimes touchy, start on dealing with the new agenda, Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin this weekend were, in a real sense, present at the re-creation of the international system, just as suspenseful sessions with Presidents Ronald

President Harry S. Truman's secretary of state, Dean Acheson, and the statesmen of an earlier generation were, in Mr. Acheson's

In an era in which global economics is allimportant and as Mr. Yeltsin said, "every-thing that happens in the world is inter-linked," this is an imposing and difficult

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undertaking. Both Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin have less power over economic develop-ments than their predecessors had over military forces and weaponry. In the economic field, there is no equivalent of the nuclearlaunch "button."

For someone who had observed the first bilateral post-World War II summit meeting - between Dwight D. Eisenhover and Ni-kita S. Khrushchev in 1959 — and nine Washington-Moscow summit meetings after that, the weekend in Vancouver was among

the strangest of all. From Mr. Khrushchev, who larded his public and private talk with chest-thumping and crude threats about the potential uses of his newly tested space rockets, through Mikhail S. Gorbachev, who bargained about nuclear warheads and space defense systems to

Reagan and George Bush, instruments of war were the currency of past meetings. This time, the focus was very different.

Trade and investment are the moral quivalent of the military confrontation," a White House official said. The defense ministers and the military chiefs of staff stayed home, their places at

the table taken for the first time by finance The long working dinner Saturday of Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin and their teams of advisers resonated not with talk of multiple warheads and land-based versus sea-based

military power, but with discussion of the dispute between the Kremlin and the Russian Central Bank, which is not under Mr. Yeltsin's control. Another key topic, U.S. officials said, was Mr. Yeltsin's prospects in the April 25 national referendum, on which his immediate future hangs, and his resolve to barnstorm his vast country, U.S. campaign-style, to win the vote.

It is by no means unprecedented or sur-prising for an embattled leader such as Mr. Yeltsin to seek to use a summit meeting for his political advantage. President Riehard Nixon went to Moscow to June 1974, while threatened with possible impeachment over the Watergate scandal, Mr. Gorbachev, similarly, made much of his meetings with Mr. Bush in Helsinki. Paris, London and Madrid when it was clear that the Soviet leader's meeting.

power was slipping away. Those meetings didn't help much on the crucial domestic front in the Soviet Union.

In today's new circumstances, as Mr. Clinton made clear, the role of international institutions such as the Group of Seven todustrialized democracies will be more important to the development of Russia than that of the United States alone. In this sense, the Washington-Moscow summit meeting may be an anachronism whose time of greatness

The United States remains, however, the leader of the G-7 process, as it does of other toternational institutions. Mr. Gorbachev was uncomfortable as an invited supplicant at the July 1991 London meeting of the G-7 leaders, whose failure to help him may have been a factor in encouraging the attempted coup in Moscow a month later. Mr. Yeltsin was not an impressive figure as a guest at the G-7 summit meeting in Munich in July.

The message of this U.S.-Russia summit meeting is that Washington, at least, hopes for a much more important role for Russia and its new economic and political problems within the G-7 and other global institutions, and that Mr. Clinton will do what he can to achieve this goal. If the Vancouver summit meeting represented even the beginning of such a shift, it will have been a historic

EC, Too, Moves to Aid Russia

Ministers Aim at a Possible Free-Trade Zone . amount of new assistance could be Germans Unimpressed several billion dollars.

eral billion dollars.

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LUXEMBOURG - European Community foreign ministers, a day after President Bill Clinton announced a new U.S.-Russian part- al aid would be comparable to the nership, gave cautious endorse-ment Monday to gradual moves toward a free-trade zone with Rus-

It was agreed that moves toward and bilateral aid. It said Japan's a free-trade zone should be offered contribution would be the largest during current negotiations for a of the seven nations, reaching sevpartnership agreement between the EC and Russia, a Danish spokesman said. Denmark currently holds the presidency of the EC.

"It is a recognition by the Community that it must do what it can to contribute to the process of reform and democratization." said Sir Leon Brittan, the EC commis-sioner for trade relations.

The ministers agreed to expand the mandate for negotiating a partnership agreement to grant Russia most-favored nation trade status

and, eventually, free trade, Ministers decided to sidestep po tential issues that could have delayed the decision to be able to come up with a swift reaction following the U.S.-Russian summit meeting Sunday. At the meeting, Mr. Clinton said the world democracies had a "high duty" to provide assistance to Moscow.

The new EC move would open the way for close trade relations similar to those it has with the Baltic republics and some other East

The accord would not apply to other former Soviet republics yet, officials said.

There is also some resistance within the EC to opening markets too much to Russia for fear the EC may soon be flooded with cheap imports. Germany, Britain and Denmark, which wanted to broaden the EC offer, faced resistance from France and Soain.

The EC Commission imposed provisional anti-dumping duties on imports of low-carbon ferrochrome from Russian, Ukraine and Ka-zakhstan. It also announced it would iovestigate anti-dumping complaints of aluminum exports from all 15 former republics of the

The Japanese government's chief spokesman said Monday that Japan was planning its own aid to Russia, and reports indicated the

YELTSIN:

Selling the Gains

understood that the West, itself

pressed for cash, could only do so much to help. "But I'm afraid the West has no

clear idea of how to assist us," Mr.

Bogomolov said. "Many Western

experts and leaders and journalists

don't properly understand what's going on here. This support for Mr. Yeltsin personally can turn out to be counterproductive."

Everyone who criticizes Mr.

Yeltsin's economic and political

policies "must not be considered a

revanchist, apparatchik or Com-munist," said Mr. Bogomolov, a former Yeltsin adviser.

The Congress of People's Depu-ties had many problems, he said.

"But it's not completely anti-re-

formist. The main power is the cen-

trists who do not fear reforms, but

per Izvestia, which is firmly behind Mr. Yeltsin.

"with empty hands or with 'long-term promises,' his political posi-

tion before the crucial test of the

referendum would have suffered significantly." Izvestia said.

bility and urgency," closely linked to particular industries and more

Mr. Yeltsin did not want to be

seen to sell out to the West, and

television coverage Monday night fodicated that he had succeeded.

The tone of reportage was re-

spectful: a "successful summit," but "no sensations, no surprises."

Mr. Clinton was credited with providing "the maximum he could without congressional approval."

The final summit press confer-

ence was televised live in Moscow

while most people slept. It was re-peated Monday afternoon on

Channel 1, transmitted throughout

the former Soviet Union, and there

was an 18-minute excerpt after the

news Monday night on the Russian

On Petrovka Street, Flora Belar-

ova, 24 and unemployed, was un-

convinced. She had heard about

new aid. "But as I understand, the

West has already given us a lot of aid, and I haven't noticed any real

results." she said.

open markets.

Had be returned to Moscow

Western intentions."

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A Japanese Foreign Ministry of-Russia, appeared unimpressed by President Clinton's promise of \$1.6 billion for Moscow, Reuters report-U.S. figure. Kyodo News Service reported that the G-7 ministerial ed from Bonn. meeting would produce a package

Chancellor Helmut Kohl issued a four-page statement Monday pledging support for President Bo-ris N. Yeltsin's reforms but did not mention Mr. Clinton's weekend aid package. Economics Minister Gün-

(AFP, Reuaers, AP)

totaling \$30 billion to multilateral

Germany, which has provided

more than half of all Western aid to

ter Rexrodt said the U.S. offer was

"a good start."

For Want of Pronoun. **All Was Almost Lost At Summit Dinner**

By Maureen Dowd New York Times Service

VANCOUVER, British Columbia - The affable Boris and Bill Show nearly collapsed in a fit of hurt feelings over a misur

At a trendy Vancouver restaurant called Seasons, overlooking the beautiful harbor, the two leaders sipped chardonnay, ate Dungeness crab ravioli and hroiled salmon and talked business.

Discussing what the United States could do for Russia, including setting up a commission on energy and space and cooperation on the environment, President Bill Clinton repeatedly said that he would

but the vice president in charge of this or that.

With his translator whispering in his ear, President Boris N.

Yeltsin grew more surly and tight lipped as each program was delegated to the vice president.

Mr. Clinton knew something was wrong, but wasn't sure what, until Mr. Yeltsin made it clear that he thought the American president was assigning many important projects to that other vice president. Alexander V. Rutskoi, who is Mr. Yeltsin's bitter rival. Mr. Clinion laughed in relief that the problem was only to the translation, and reassured Mr. Yeltsin. "Gore, Gore." Then they happily moved on to the blueberry tart.

A Hollywood touch could be seen in the staging of the many photo opportunities at the summit meeting, compliments of Mort Engelberg, the Hollywood producer of the hit movie "Smokey and the Bandit," who is a White House consultant.

Mr. Engelberg got the award for most ingenious advance work when he had the leaders pose on a stunning promontory at the University of British Columbia, without telling anyone that below was a nude beach.

"That's only in the summer." Mr. Engelberg protested. But according to a policeman on the scene, a sign announcing the "Clothing Optional" beach had been covered by "a tree that mysteriously appeared" overnight.

It was not known whether the two leaders ever learned about their racy photo site, but it lends a famny double-entendre tone to their conversation about the harbor, as interpreted by the official transia-

Mr. Yeltsin, looking down at the beach, referring to his foreign minister, observed, "Kozyrev likes to go swimming in a swimming pool, but I think this is much better." Mr. Clinton replied: "Much better, We'll send him down there."

Mr. Engelberg also gets credit for the picturesque walk in the woods that followed.

The last word between the two democrats came after their news conference, when Mr. Clinton shook Mr. Yeltsin's hand and said. fou can shake the band of someone who didn't vote for Vi The American president pumped the Russian president's hand twice, and urged bim, "Win! Win!"

Speaking to the Russian reporters after the news conference, Mr. Clinton was asked to compare his attitude about Russia with George

Bush's.

"Let me say I do not wish to compare myself," he said. "I can't say what was in his beart about Russia." But he added that he had long been "personally fascinated" by Russian history, culture, music, ballet and literature.

He said "one of most moving experiences" of his life was when he heard Leonard Bernstein conduct Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony for Russians, and "it had never played so fast before, because it was technically so difficult."

For all these reasons, he said, he hoped for a "closer partnership" with the other democrat.

SUMMIT: Was the Risk for Both Leaders Worth It?

(Continued from page I)

about Mr. Clinton's new assertiveness on aid.

But with the Clinton administration committed to helping Mos-cow, even Japan, which has been the strongest holdout, will have to rethink its position about assistance to Russia in time to help Mr. Yeltsin, according to U.S. and European officials.

Despite their governments' guarded public tone, European officials privately brimmed with praise for the way Mr. Clinton, to explaining his decision to start providing aid, managed to stake out a

new stance toward Russia. His message was, astutely, one of support for Boris Yeltsin because he personifies the reform process in Russia, not because of who he is," a British diplomat said.

willing to gamble on Mr. Yeltsin as seek a solution to the crisis io Boslong as the Russian leader seems nia.

headed toward more democracy tide turns in Moscow.

The new U.S. view -- that Mr. Yeltsin, even if he stumbles, is moving in the right direction seems bound to pry more generous aid and other concessions from allied nations and multilateral bod-

For example, the International Monetary Fund, which controls the largest aid packages for Russia, is susceptible to American pressure, European officials said.

In return, the United States can expect to maintain and even broaden the outlook for political cooperation on international problems. For example, Mr. Yeltsin said in Vancouver that he now saw eve-to-In other words. Mr. Clinton is eye with Mr. Clinton on the way to

This shift, U.S. officials said, reand more market economics. The flecis the importance of a change in U.S. policy in recent weeks as the icy could be reversed if the political Clinton administration came to grips with the crisis in Russia

Under the Bush administration, U.S. policy pinned its hopes for a long time on the Soviet leader Mik-hail S. Gorbachev. When he fell, the White House, wary of making the same mistake with his successor, seemed to make aid wait for reforms to succeed.

Instead, the Clinton administration, by pledging to help a process, however risky, hopes to send a broader political message to Rus-

U.S. aid is bound to be attacked by Mr. Yeltsin's opponents as evidence that he is doing Washington's bidding, but by gambling now on change, Washington can hope that Russians will view U.S. help as a friendly gesture, not a payoff for

U.S. Tries to Soothe Tokyo After Remark by Clinton

WASHINGTON - The United States scrambled on Monday to calm ruffled Japanese feelings after President Bill Clinton was quoted as telling President Boris N. Yeltsin that Japan did not always mean what it said.

The State Department said Secretary of State Warren M. Christo-pher had called a senior Japanese official to explain the context of the remark, which was widely interpreted as a warning not to trust Japan.

The comment became public when some notes in Russian from one of Mr. Clinton's weekend meetings with Mr. Yelstin were ohtained by news organizations. Mr. Clinton apparently made the comment to a discussion about the Kuril Islands, which the Soviet Union seized from Japan at the end of World War II. Mr. Clinton was quoted as telling Mr. Yeltsin that "yes" often

means "no" when uttered by the Japanese.

The ehief White House spokesman. George Stephanopoulos, said Mr. Clinton "was actually reassuring President Yeltsin at the time about his conversations with Prime Minister Miyazawa over the Kuril Islands." He added, "I mean this was a casual comment about Japanese courtesy and etiquette."

Turkey Moves to Shield Faltering Azerbaijanis

ANKARA - Turkey elosed its airspace Monday to all flights to Armenia, and President Turgut Ozal said his country should "bare its teeth" in reaction to Armenia's escalated offensive against Azer-

The Turkish Foreign Ministry summoned the ambassadors of the live permanent members of the UN Security Council and requested that the council discuss measures to safeguard the territorial iotegrity of

Armenian troops last weekend captured 90 percent of Azerbaijan's western Kelbajar region, a mountainous strip of land about 100 kilometers (60 miles) long and nine to 50 kilometers wide.

The victory gave Armenia a sec-

Turkey has close ethnie and cultural ties to Azerbaijan and has claimed more then 3,000 lives and

left tens of thousands homeless. Mr. Ozal, touring the Muslim republics of Central Asia, was quoted Monday by the Harriyet newspaper as saying that "Turkey should bare its teeth" against Ar-menia and adopt a hard-line

"One has to be a bit firm with them," Mr. Ozal told the newspapet. "First you call their representatives, shout a bit, and then take n on the Fizuli region, south of Nahard-line stance," Mr. Ozal said. gorno-Karabakh and 25 kilometers

clave of Nagorno-Karabakh. The "If a military intervention in the from Azerhaijan's border with Azerbaijani presidential press sermostly Armenian enclave is surfuture will be worse, then some from Azerhaijan's border with Azerbaijani presidential press sermostly Armenian enclave is surfuture will be worse, then some mostly Armenian enclave is surfuture will be worse, then some-rounded by Azerbaijan and was thing should be done now," he said. under Azerbaijani control before But he gave no indication as to the collapse of the Soviet Union.

would take.
"Turkey has exerted great efforts been unsuccessfully trying to mediate and settle this issue," be ate the five-year dispute that has added, "but our soft approach backfired in every instance. Mr. Ozal softened his remarks at

a news conference later in Tashkeat, saying only that "Turkey will do everything necessary to end the conflict. Azerbaijan accused Armenia of

trying to capture another key region bordering Nagorno-Kara-bakh. Azerbaijani government officials said Armenia opened a new attack

Armenian troops controlled the hills surrounding the regional capital, also known as Fizuli, and killed 20 civilians in heavy artillery and missile fire, officials said.

Officials in Nagorno-Karabakh increasingly detailed reports from those positions.

its NATO partners. Some observ- this "casts doubt" on Russia's supers warned that it would also be an port for efforts by the Conference invitation for Iran, which has sus- on Security and Cooperation in Eu-Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, to exing.
The Russian Foreign Ministry pended its mediation role in the rope to mediate an end to the fightpand its role in the region.

bajar, Interfax said, quoting the "an early settlement."

The Nagorno-Karabakh Self-Defense Headquarters said Arme-nians captured hills on the border between the Kelbajar enclave and

the Fizuli district late last week. It said Azerbaijani troops had been denied the attack on Fizuli, despite shelling Nagorno-Karabakh from the Azerbaijani side. Azerbaijan has accused the Rus-Any increased involvement hy sian 7th Army, based in Armenia, Turkey on behalf of Azerbaijan of helping capture Kelbajar. The probably would be condemned by Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry said

Armenian tanks attacked and denied the involvement of Russian killed 60 refugees trying to flee Kel- troops and reiterated support for

disagree with Yeltsin's version. When the West shuts its eyes to Yeltsin's idea of shutting down the legislature, we get suspicious of In Vancouver, in a sound bite chosen for the 8 P.M. news, Mr. Yeltsin stressed the "reality" of the \$1.6 billion to new grants and loans provided by Mr. Clinton; that was a point underlined by the newspa-"But Yeltsin is not coming back with empty hands," the paper said, terming the American program an example of "realism, implementa-

President Bill Clinton leaving a cruise stap in Vancouver. He was given a captain's jacket and took the helm during his visit.

MARINES: Homesick and Waiting for Relief in Boondocks of Somalia UN in Cambodia hammed Farrah Aidid and General and the orphanages. Calling to Can't Fight Back

(Continued from page 1) their second posting in Bardera — believe they accomplished their

mission long ago. Indeed, to a returning visitor who saw Bardera last fall, during the most desperate days of famine and death, the town is a vastly different place now and stands as one of this devastated country's

more dramatic success stories. "The job was done, and it was done well," said Lance Corporal Reuben Herrera, In the words of rines' mission was "to kick [butt], feed some people — and go home."

To make life more bearable for the remaining U.S. forces -and to prepare for the expected rainy season this month — army engineers spent three weeks constructing a new camp of plywood and hardback tents, with permanent huild-

are connected by an intricate network of plywood planks.

For recreation, there is a baseball diamond and a court for basketball and volleyball. The Marines have named their space Camp Higgins, to honor of William R. Higgins, the Marine lieutenant colonel serving on a UN observer mission to Southern Lebanon who was kidnapped to 1988 and slain by terrorists the next year.

Last August and September, Bardera had one of the higher daily Corporal Scott Tessier, the Ma- death tolls in Somalia. More than 300 people were dying each day from starvation or malnutrition-related diseases. By October, Bardera had run out of shrouds and survivors were using empty sacks of donated rice to wrap bodies. Grave diggers worked from dawn until

dusk under the hot sun. Bardera also was the scene of

Mohammed Said Hersi Morgan.

months before the U.S. intervention, no matter which warlord controlled Bardera, the powerless became the forgotten victims. In the feeding center here, well-fed young thugs with machine guns slung over their shoulders often were seen beating starving people, the elderly and small children with branches and sticks.

All of that changed, however, after the Marines arrived. They found a town that had been starved to death. "The city of Bardera was in sad shape," said Lieutenant Colonel Mike Sullivan, commander of the Marine detachment.

Colonel Sullivan launched what he called his "hearts-and-minds" campaign. After declaring the town a "weapons-free zone," he and his ings 3 feet high on stilts in the style fighting between two of Somalia's Marines began a widespread civic of Southeast Asian huts. The huts premier warlords, General Mo-

army engineers, they built plywood As throughout Somalia in the schoolhouses and asked their wives and family members back to the United States to send crayons, chalk and other needed school sup-

The Marines took materials from confiscated weapons and used them to build a playground. The rotating turret from an anti-aircraft gun became a merry-go-round. Part of a truck was cut and welded to become a slide. The gun mounts from old anti-aircraft guns mount

There are still problems in Bar- Bulgarian peacekeepers and seridera. About a dozen people still die ously wounded three others after each day, mostly from diseases related to poor sanitary conditions it does not have the power to do and the bad water supply from the much about it. The Khmer Rouge Juba River. Malaria is rife. measles issued a statement Monday denystill kill small children, tuberculosis ing responsibility for the attacks. is rampant. But compared to the ... Most of the UN personnel tarnightmare Bardera had become, geted so far have been unarmed

The Associated Press

PHNOM PENH - The UN mission must rely on persuasion in its efforts to stop Khmer Rouge guerrilla attacks that have killed at least three peacekeepers, the mission's spokesman said Monday. Because the United Nations force is strictly for peacekeeping, the most that can be done is to "explain to them one more time that we can't have that," said a spokes-

He said the UN mission knows which guerrillas fatally shot three

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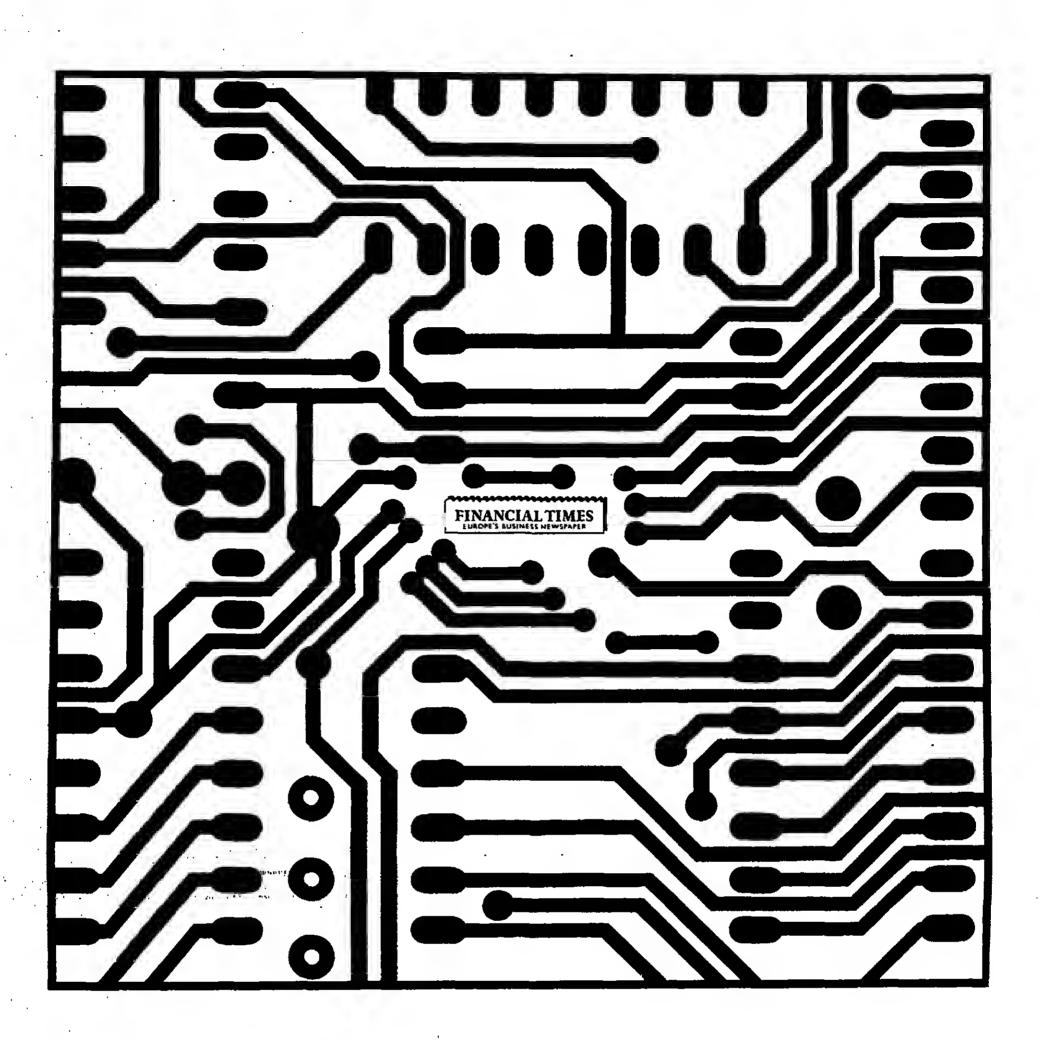
Clinton Accepts Yeltsin Invitation

VANCOUVER, British Colum-

A final communique issued Sunday at the end of the two-day sum-mit here said: "President Yeltsin Russia, President Clinton accepted nership."

the invitation with appreciation." bia — President Bill Climton has the next meeting would be, but it There was no indication where accepted Boris N. Yeltsin's iovitaMoscow the Itar-Tass press agency
tion to a further summit meeting,
quoted a Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying it might take place this year. The communique said the two leaders agreed to meet regularly "with a view to accelerating the invited President Clinton to visit development of U.S.-Russian partWester Aidk

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Off the Runway, Beene's Voyage Into the Serene

EW YORK - To show or not to show? That is the question that has been haunting the fashion season as designers often retreated from the blockbuster presentation. Geoffrey Beene, for the second season, gave a stilllife exhibition — but his static display was vibrant with energy and a model of how to do these things.

its location was an Asian cultural center, chosen to reinforce the serenity of clothes that were inspired by priest's outlits in Nepal. That translated as a vivid orange mohair coat, gossamer light, with a monk's hood, or an over-bolero cut in the round from one piece of fabric. The austere theme came through, too, in long robe-coats, sashed at the waist, or in matt jersey dresses, slithering on the bias across the body. Sometimes a slit as skinny as a medieval castle window opened at the midrift or the plain surface was believe with a live of fall the little and the midrift or the plain surface was believe with a live of fall the little and the midrift or the plain surface was believe with a live of fall the little and the little midriff, or the plain surface was broken with mixes of fabric like stone gray jersey butting black, or an insert of lace.

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The presentation was made into an artistic happening by a background of photographs showing the outlits in movement and by boldly printed words giving food for thought. "Loop, cross, shift, cling, clip, coil, plunge, fuse, are," they read. That might sound pretentious, but the clothes, based on a lightweight jacket, brief or long, and full clownish pants, were modern and practical. Short lace evening slips, although technically clever, seemed less interesting than the long soft, monastic dresses.

"There is to much going on in clothing" said Beene "It is very

"There is too much going on in clothing," said Beene. "It is very distracting and this is the moment to express individuality. I wanted a serenity in the frantic world of fashion.

The downtown shows gave precisely the opposite impression. Attitude seemed more important than design at Isaac Mizrahi's show, where a star-studded audience shrieked over a finale of operatic Lucrezia Borgia gowns. Anna Sui's crowd included a six-foot drag queen in silver hot pants and a Heidi wig, who threatened to outshine the thrift-shop looking clothes.

Should Calvin Klein and Donna Karan ever have shown on the runway their lower-priced lines? These are now the focus of American shoppers — even Vogue has devoted its April issue to clothes from \$50 to \$500, which is radical cheek by glossy magazine standards.

The problem with the CK and DKNY lines was that they were just a tribute to stylists, who took the easy sportswear pieces and made them look ob-so-hip. The shows were great if you sincerely want to learn how to tie a shirt grunge-style around your waist or to layer Saturday-morning separates. Klein had all the young trends from apron dresses in denim or leather to deconstructed jeans with pockets hanging loose. The endless DKNY parade did the layering trick for men, women and kids. Separated from the melee, individual pieces from both collections seemed just fine.

But like many of the shows throughout the international collections, not least at Chanel with its flapping white shirts, stylists, not designers, now seem to rule the runways. And that is a moment when smart designers might think of another way to show.

Suzy Menkes





Attitude ruled at Mizrahi: At left, his Renaissance-print romper suit. Right, Klein's gauzy dress with shearling coat.

From Monastic to Romantic

By Suzy Menkes tional Herald Tribune

EW YORK - Two strong shows expressing unequivocal attitudes toward modern women closed the international collections in New York, Calvin Klein's somber, spare clothes and Donna Karan's soulful romanticism made a fine ending to five weeks of fall-winter showings.

The different currents eddying through high fashion merged as the New York season drew to its close.

plicity - dark colors, attenuated shapes and a sense that the body and blatant sexuality are going un-der wraps. The other trend is a dandified silhouette and a focus on historical costume with tapestry. crushed velvet and ruffles. The fashion avant-garde favors the concealing layers; the more conventional (and commercial) give the same basic idea of length and layers a historical topspin with medieval damsel dresses, curving frock coats and swashbuckling greatcoats. The difference is summed up by the boots that dominate the renways: hefty combat boots in one camp and dainty Edwardian ankle boots

ots for the Donna Karan's skill was in walking the line. Her dark gauzy clothes in black, gray flecks, eggplant and navy blue, the outfits slung with long chains of crosses, had a romantic melancholy. There was a hint of medieval costume in the high-waisted dress, with taut bodice and fragile shoulders, that Karan herself wore to take her bow. But these clothes were all rooted in reality in a way that is special to women designers.

ABRIC was the focus for Karan's new look. Soft pants that went under anything from an anklelength vest to a tweedy knit cardi-gan were always in a fine wool gauze that gave a lightness and fluidity. The same fabric used for a high-waisted dress fluting out at the hem had a subtle hint of the flirtatious. In spite of religious music on the sound track and those penitential crosses, a woman, Karan seemed to be saying, might not always choose the nunnery. Nor always choose to hide her legs. Although hemlines are not really a fashion issue (the trend is all downward) Karan showed a convincing short suit with a perky skirt flaring

The collection flowed gently in long soft layers: elongated ribbed tunics over long skirts; velvet tunics over gossamer-fine pants; thighlength cardigans in portidgy knit for day and in lace decorated with jet embroidery for night. The day clothes moved seamlessly into eve-ning which, like everything Karan does, is a modern way to dress. Calvin Klein is a modernist and

he made a brutal but beautiful statement. Black, black, black were long jackets and pants, ankle-length knit dresses and maxi coats, the dark relieved only by a change of fabric, from knit to velvet. Stomp, stomp, stomp went the combat boots from start to end of the collection under thick soft layers, with crushed velvet ankle-length dresses or even a light georgette dress printed with pallid flowers. Not a scrap of make-up brushed the models' faces. But what faces! For Klein scattered ton and other famous models who have long since left the runways.

"It's a statement about how i feel about women," said Klein. "I believe that my clothes are right for same story looked fresh and appeal-young girls and for women. They ing, even if his Empire dresses

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Donna Karan's cardigan over flecked tweed, with cross.

They can wear the simplest clothes press Josephine. the least amount of makeup and that is modern."

He was right. Although the show was somber, even negative in its sense of obliterating fashion as adornment, the quiet colors and simple shapes acted like a blank canvas for strong characters to paint their identities. That is an idea al-ready proposed by Rei Kawakubo at Comme des Garçons and young European designers. But Klein's inshrugged over a crushed-velvet dress or ribbed knits in oyster colors were valid, even for those who might

like to add a little artifice, Between the two big-name de-signers was sandwiched the show of Richard Tyler, an Australian-born designer who made his name in Calwhat faces! For Klein scattered and riding coats, in the ubiquitous among the new waifs Lauren Hutestry print with a view-halloo hunting scene. After all the found-it-inthe-flea-market looks, Tyler's cleaned-up well-cut version of the

get more beautiful as they get older. seemed more Romeo Gigli than Em-

The American season failed to reduce the ingredients of current fashion into a tasty broth, although Ralph Lauren's exceptional show on a Russian revolutionary theme was praised by all New York's powerful store directors. Many designers just flung out costume-party clothes.

"Ralph leaps out for his re-straint," said Kalman Ruttenstein of Bloomingdale's, who also praised Klein and Karan. "The trouble with Victoriana is that it doesn't move fashion forward, it just shuffles it around a bit."

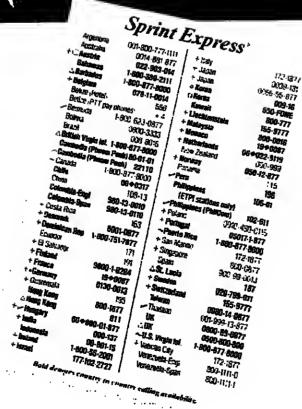
OSE Marie Bravo, the president of Saks Fifth Avenue, described the entire international collections as "a season about flourifornia. His graceful clothes distilled the essence of the costume drama that has been playing on the international runways. There were dandies overall for her were Lauren, Gigh. in frock coats, nicely cut with a Christian Lacroix "and the color at curve in the tail, the elongated vests Armani."

"It's about softening up the hard edge, about velvet jackets and pieces rather than buying total out-fits," said Ellin Saltzman of Bergdorf Goodman, picking out Lauren, Gigli and Karl Lagerfeld for Chanel and the dandy look as the season's statement,

Joan Kaner of Neiman-Marcus selected three key looks as "the cossack velvet tunic over leggings at Ralph Lauren, a crushed-velvet long jacket and pleated chiffon blouse at Lacroix and a long black knitted vest at Anne Klein." She is also praised Geoffrey Beene and stressed that legs were still on show "peeping out from under long jack-ets and tucked into boots."

but about expressing yourselfplaying games with costume one day
and classic the next," she said, "I
hope that women will have the courage to try to do their own thing."

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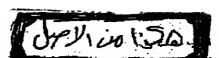
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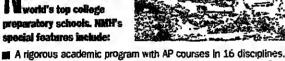
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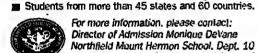
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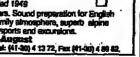
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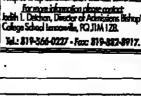
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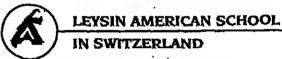
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Americans Reaping Gains

By Kenneth N. Gilpin New York Times Service

many industrialized countries, generally benign swings in the value of the dollar and a Japanese government-led surge on the Tokyo

Much of the gain abroad reflected a strong performance in Japan. In dollar terms, Japanese stocks rose by more than 18.5 percent in the quarter, a gain that was helped by the strength of the

yen against the dollar. (In terms of the yen, Japanese stocks rose by

The Japanese government assisted the rally by introducing fiscal

stimulus packages and encouraging giant insurance companies to purchase shares. Foreign portfolio managers who had lightened up on positions in Japan during the market's long downward spiral provided additional momentum by coming back in once the rally

Despite the strong performance, analysts were left wondering just how much longer Japanese stocks could continue to rise. Michael Metz, chief investment strategist at Oppenheimer & Co., said he thought the rise in Tokyo was way overdone.

EW YORK - For the first time in four years, Americans who invested their dollars in foreign stocks in the first quarter instead of at home had cause to be satisfied. The quarter was characterized by falling interest rates in

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Dunkel Says U.S. **Delaying GATT**

By Keith Bradsher

GENEVA - An international trade agreement that would stimulate the shaky world economy is being delayed while the administration of President Bill Clinton devotes energy and negotiators to the North American Pree Trade Agreement, according to the departing head of the world's free-

The remarks by Arthur Dunkel director general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, nderscore the problem the United States faces as it tries to reach two free-trade agreements at the same

Concessions in the GATT negotiations, for example, could antago-nize the textile industry and other business groups in the United States whose support is needed for the difficult struggle this fall of winning congressional approval of the North American agreement.

In an effort to restart the world trade talks, which began in Uruguay in 1986, American and European officials plan to hold several meetings by early June, Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, said last week. But in an interview, Mr. Dunkel discounted Mr. Kantor's efforts.

"The message given is that the Uruguay Round is still very high on the agenda," Mr. Dunkel said, "but the reality is that, of course, if the officials of USTR get to their office in the morning they generally have an urgent file on NAFTA which comes before the urgent file on GATT, that is clear."

Stephen L. Engelberg, the acting chief of staff for Mr. Kantor, said that Mr. Dunkel was mistaken. There is no strategy here to put off anything in terms of negotiations

until the NAFTA is voted on," he said. Mr. Kantor and several of his aides flew to Ottawa on Friday to discuss the North American pact with Canadian officials and were not available for comment. The North American pact would

eliminate trade barriers among Canada, Mexico and the United States. The international trade pact would reduce import tariffs around the world for GATT's 112 nations

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Aiding Russia: First, Set the Rules Moscow's Lack of Commitment to Rights Deters Investors

By Reginald Dale International Herald Tribine

TASHINGTON - "There's only one surefire business deal you can do in Moscow these days. It goes like this: I give you a lot of mooey, and you give me absolutely anthing in return."

That comment from a disillusioned Western consultant — far more than any fine words from Vancouver --- goes to the he the problems facing the Russian economy While Western governments set about pre-paring another Russian financial-aid package in the coming weeks, Russian economists say the way to save their devastated economy is through a buge influx of private investment.

The problem is that other Russians are doing their best to prevent that from happenmg - by inventive combinations of private cheating, public corruption and endless varicties of arbitrary official obstructionism. One old Nigeria hand struggling with a Russian project says it's worse than doing business in

many Third World countries.
Unlike the Russians he deals with, be says, Third World officials usually understand that you kill the goose that lays the golden egg if you don't let foreign investors keep some of

Russian economists interviewed for this

column all said that, given that Western offi-cial aid would to do little more than scratch the surface of Russia's problems, the top priority must be to create the right conditions for business to start operating. "We must break through this psychological and eco-nomic threshold." says Alexander Telyukov of the Russian Economic Ministry's Institute for Economic Studies.

Unrealistic thrugh it may be, Russians like to compare their plight with that of the for-

THINKING AHEAD

mer East Germany — at least for dramatic effect. Nobody seriously maintains that Russia can share Eastern Germany's aim of matching Western German living standards in the foreseeable future. But the figures give an idea of the enormousness of Russia's task.

According to German officials, by the end of 1993 the 17 million Eastern Germans will have received \$400 billion over four years from the German federal budget alone. They are due to get \$70 billion more for each of the next 10 years. By contrast, the Group of Seven is thinking

of perhaps \$30 billion this year for nearly nine times as many Russians. Eastern Germany got more than twice that in Western German private investment alone last year.

Non-German companies had chipped in an extra \$44 billion by the end of 1992. By

that time, Russia had scraped together a pitiful \$1.5 billion in total foreign private investment, less than half the amount tha went to Hungary or Poland, and a small fraction of China's, according to Vladimir Popov, bead of research at the Academy of National Economy in Moscow.

Obviously the main reason is that most Western companies simply don't believe that sound business conditions exist in Russia. Leaving aside the threat of byperinflation, the biggest single drawback is the lack of a legal system protecting ownership rights, granting recourse against abuses and guaranteeing that profits can be sent home.

issians say there are ways around this mainly by avoiding Moscow and looking for more sympathetic officials in the country's 88 regions. They want money in go to the sectors that could most easily become internationally competitive and start earning their own hard currency — notably oil, gas and mining, but also transport and communications, food, consumer goods, and the reconversion of defense industries.

But here is a cautionary tale from the White Nights project, a 50-50 Russian-American joint venture that represents the largest investment to date by any Western company in the Russian oil sector: In just over two years. White Nights has increased production

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Rising Yen to Buoy East Asia Economies

By Michael Richardson

International Herald Tribune SINGAPORE - The sharp rise in the value of the yen, against the dollar and against other Asian currencies, will cause a new surge in Japanese investment, particularly in China and Southeast Asia, regional economists say.

But a study by Japan's Nomura Research Institute predicts that the major beneficiaries of a stronger yen will be the newly industrialized economies of East Asia - South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore — whose exports will grab bigger shares of overseas markets as Japanese products become more costly.

Nomura says the rise of about 10 percent in the value of the yen in the last year - much of which has come in just the last few weeks should lift economic growth in those four countries by 1.6 percentage points as output and profits increase.

Based on a 5 percent appreciation of the yen over the calendar year, Nomura forecasts 1993 growth, after inflation, of 7.5 percent for Singa-pore, 6.7 percent for South Korea, 6.3 percent for Taiwan and 5.4 percent for Hong Kong.

C.H. Kwan, senior economist and head of Asian research for Nomura in Tokyo, said recent history showed that a rise of I percent in the yen's value against the dollar bad raised omic growth rates in the four newly indus-

trialized Asian economies by 0.16 of a percentage point, mainly because these countries compete with Japan in international markets.

But, be said, research suggested that the opposite would occur in Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand, which do not compete much with Japan but depend beavily on it for imports,

Analysts said the high-flying yen — which pulled back Monday from a record high of 113.30 to the dollar only after intervention by Japan's central bank - may help to narrow Japan's trade surpluses with other Asian nations this year as imports from Japan become more expensive and Japanese companies expand their manufacturing operations in other countries of the region. (Page 19) The surpluses, while not as large as those Japan has with the United States and the Euro-

pean Community, were becoming an irritant in its relations within Asia and prompting governments to demand that Japan open its markets more widely to their exports. The yen's latest strengthening in part reflects

the belief that industrialized nations want a higher yen, to weaken Japan's exports and re-dress its politically sensitive trade imbalances.

The U.S. trade deficit with Japan in 1992, at \$49.4 billion, was the largest since 1988 and

accounted for 58.5 perceot of the total American trade deficit for the year.

The European Community's trade deficit with Japan in 1992 was \$31 billion, widened from \$28 billion in 1991 and \$19 billion in 1990. a major strengthening of the yen after 1985 Southeast Asia as Japanese manufacturing companies moved offshore to cut costs.

But the weakness of the Japanese economy, Southeast Asia in 1992.

pluses with the United States and the EC.

nomic reasons for the yen to continue to rise to a level of 110 to the dollar by the end of 1993. Celina Lin, an analyst at Peregrine Brokerage Ltd. in Hong Kong, said that if the yen stabi-lized between 110 and 118 to the dollar, Japa-

A flood of Japanese investment that followed hastened growth and industrialization in

combined with sbortages of essential services' and infrastructure and rising labor costs in such countries as Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia, caused a slowdown in Japanese investment in Raymond Foo, regional economist at Crosby Research Ltd. in Kuala Lumpur, said the yen's

current rise also would prompt companies in Japan to expand production in Southeast Asia, both to cut costs and to reduce the trade sur-He said there were strong political and eco-

nese investment in the region, especially in China, would intensify in the oext 18 months.

Firms Kill German **Engineers** Pay Pact

Accord on Wages In East Is Vetoed By the Employers

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches
COLOGNE — The national
headquarters of the engineering employers' federation rejected Monday
a compromise world out in Saxony between IG Metall union negotiators and the local employers' group over pay increases in the East Ger-

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Under the deal, which was aimed at settling a five-day-old dispute, workers were to get a 26 percent pay increase that had been prom-ised for this month, and in exchange they were to delay their goal of pay equality with their Western German counterparts from April 1994 to January 1995, union officials said.

"There is no chance of reaching an agreement on this basis." an official of the employers organiza-tion, Dieter Kirchner, said. A spokesman, Werner Rick, said, "There is oo change in the offer of 9 percent for 1993,"

Employers signed a deal with IG Metali in 1991 calling for a series of pay increases that would bring East German wages to parity with West German ones by April 1994. But the employers formally renounced the accord in February, saying shrinking order books and stagnant productivity left them unable to

IG Metall launched a series of token strikes Thursday, bringing out about 100,000 workers.

That protest was followed by a strike by 40,000 workers Friday, and the demonstrations were then called off until after the Easter bolidays. which start at the end of this week.

But the protests apparently succeeded in driving a wedge between employers with big, modern plants and those with small, run-down factories.

Some of the biggest, such as the automakers Adam Opel, Daimler Benz and Volkswagen AG, had offered what they called "temporary" increases amounting to 26 percent annually for the month of April.

Mercedes to Build Auto Plant in U.S.

All these factors helped to boost stock prices outside the United The Associated Press States by nearly 12 percent in dollar terms, according to the

DEARBORN, Michigan — Mercedes-Benz AG said Mon-"On balance, this was a very good quarter for international investors, even dollar-based investors," said Jeffrey Russell, a day that it would build a factory in the United States to make a sport-utility vehicle priced at \$20,000 to \$30,000, but said it portfolio manager at Smith Barney's World Funds Internationhad yet to pick a site.

It will be two to three months before officials select a site, and Americans who used mutual funds as their ticket overseas did nearly three times as well as those who invested their money at Mercedes officials said the list of states where the plant might be located was longer than the list of those not being consid-ered. Officials also would not In the first quarter, the 287 world equity funds tracked by Lipper Analytical Services rose by 9.74 percent, while the 1,080 general equity funds that invest in American companies rose by 3.29 percent, slightly less than the 3.7 percent increase posted during the first quarter by the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

"This is the first time in four years that world equity funds have outperformed the domestic ones," said A. Michael Lipper, presirule out the possibility of using an existing U.S. auto plant

Helmui Werner, vice chair-man and chief operating officer of the company, gave no specifics except to say North and South Carolina had some advantage because the Daimler-Benz AG subsidiary Freightliner already had three North Carolina plants.

Mr. Werner said it was a co-incidence that Mercedes an-nounced plans for the plant within a day of becoming the first German automaker with stock approved for trading on the New York Stock Exchange. He said there were no plans to

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United States to build the plant. He also denied that Monday's announcement, which con-firmed weeks of speculation, was an attempt to start a bidding war by states.

"We would not have to have this press meeting to do that."
Mr. Werner said. "We have bad
many phone calls already."

After announcing a site, Mr. Werner said the company boped to start site work by year's end and start building a sport utility vehicle in 1997. The total project cost is expected to be about \$650 million.

He said the \$300 million plant is expected to employ about 1,500 workers by decade's end. Annual production is expected to be about 60,000 units, including 40,000 for export to Europe.

Mr. Werner said the U.S.produced vehicle would be new, instead of a version of the Gelandewagen 300 GE a four-wheel-drive vehicle sold in Europe and Japan. It will have a six-cylinder engine, antilock brakes and four-speed automat-

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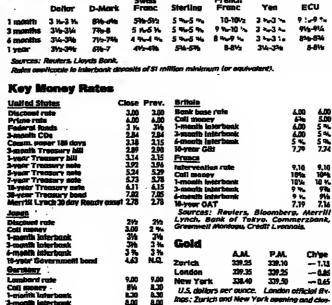


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Oil and Chip Issues Lead Dow Higher

NEW YORK - Stock prices re-

bounded slightly Mooday on the New York Stock Exchange, with shares of oil and semiconductor companies leading the rise.

The Dow Jones industrial average, which had plunged 68.63 points on Friday, rose 8.38 to

N.Y. Stocks

3,379.19. Gains in Texaco Inc. and Chevron Corp. stock offset declines in shares of Procter & Gamble Co. and McDonald's Corp.

"After what happened Friday, it wasn't surprising that we saw prices stabilize as investors try to figure out what's going to be the next big move in stocks," said Peter Da Puzzo, senior managing direc-tor at Cantor Fitzgerald & Co. Standard & Poor's 500 Index in-creased 0.90 to 442.29, ending a three-session slump. The Nasdaq Combined Composite Index gained 0.86 to 670.71, while the

Value Index rose 0.32 to 417.84. Declining common stocks led advancing issues by about 8 to 7. Stocks plunged Friday in response to a pessimistic earnings outlook from Philip Morris and a report showing that the U.S. econo-

Philip Morris, whose stock had dropped 23 percent Friday to the lowest level since January 1991, closed unchanged at 49%. It was the most active U.S. issue for the second session in a row. Trading totaled 16.3 million shares, down from 34.3 million Friday.

Shares of oil producers were the best performers as investors speculated that the recent rise in gold and other commedity prices was likely to be matched to the oil market, Mr. Da Puzzo said. Texaco rose 1% to 64%; Amoco

Corp. surged 1% to 58%; Chevron gained 2½ to 83½, and Mabil rose 1¼ to 70%. Semiconductor stocks surged as

Standard & Poor's semiconductor index, which had lost 5.4 percent last week, increased 4.51 to 146.61 Intel Corp. rose 25s to 110%, Motorola Inc. rose 214 to 6512 and Texas Instruments Inc. gained % to Shares of some consumer prod-

ucts companies were the latest to fall amid earnings concern. Colgate-Palmolive Co. declined 2% to 62% after an analyst at Smith Barncy, Harris Upham & Co. said its American Stock Exchange Market soles are below expectations. Procter & Gamble also was hurt by the Smith Barney report; the stock fell 1% to 47%.

Dollar Under Pressure In Preholiday Trading

NEW YORK - The dollar hit another post-World War II low Monday against the Japanese yen, falling against most other major foreign currencies as well to very thin trading ahead of the Passover, and Easter holidays.

Foreign Exchange

Analysts said a recovery on the Tokyo Stock Exchange pushed the yen higher at the dollar's expense. There was talk in Tokyo of interven-tion by the Bank of Japan to support the U.S. currency. (Page 19)

The dollar closed in New York at 113.685 yen, down from 113.750 on Friday, In London, the dollar was at 113.70 yen, down from 114.20. The U.S. currency closed at 1.5945 Deutsche marks, down from 1.5995 DM in New York on Friday, at 1.4765 Swiss francs, down from 1.4795 francs, and at 5.4131

French francs, down from 5.4355.

The pouod strengthened to \$1.5210 from \$1.5215. Teaders attributed the dollar's weakness against European currencies to signs that German interestbetween. "Things that have beeo supporting the dollar, like the promise of lower German interest rates, are evaporating," said John

Tokyo in New York. Investors looking for big interest-rate cuts in Germany were dealt B blow Monday, when the presi-dent of the Buodesbank, Helmut Schlesinger, told a German news paper that such cuts must not come too quickly.

Combined with coocern about the U.S. economic recovery, the slow pace of German rate cuts makes the dollar unattractive to investors, traders ooted.

When you don't have great reasons to buy dollars, it gets expensive to hold them," said Carl Amendola, vice president ut Bayer ische Hypotheken & Wechsel Bank, Investors stand to gain more from holding marks than dollars because interest rates are as much as 4.5 percentage points higher in

Despite the record yen levels, currency markets remained generally quiet Monday ahead of the Jewish and Christian holidays.

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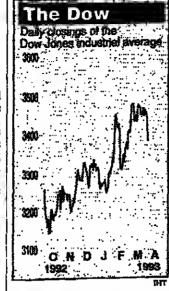
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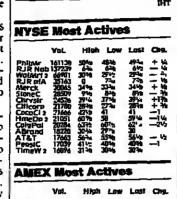
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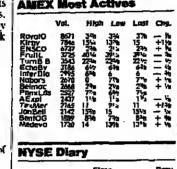
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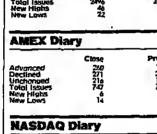
WASHINGTON — The U.S. Treasury could run out of money by Wednesday and default on Social Security and other ohligations if it continues to delay borrowing in markets, an official said Monday.

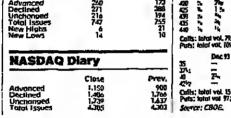
Mr. Morris said many traders stayed out of the market altogether because of the extended holiday because the following postponed Monday's weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday's weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday's weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday's weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday's weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday's weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday's weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday's weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action of his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action to his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action to his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action to his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action to his because the following postponed Monday is weekly action to his because the following postponed Monday is well action to his because the following postponed Monday is well action to his because the following postponed Monday is well action to his because the following postponed Monday period, which began Monday night with the start of Passover and con-tinues through Easter Sunday.

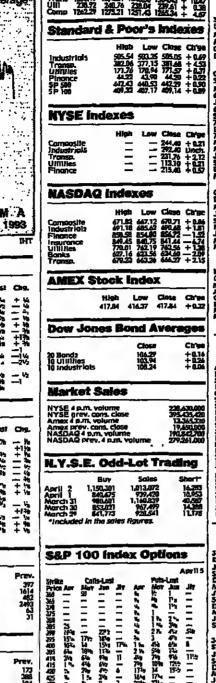








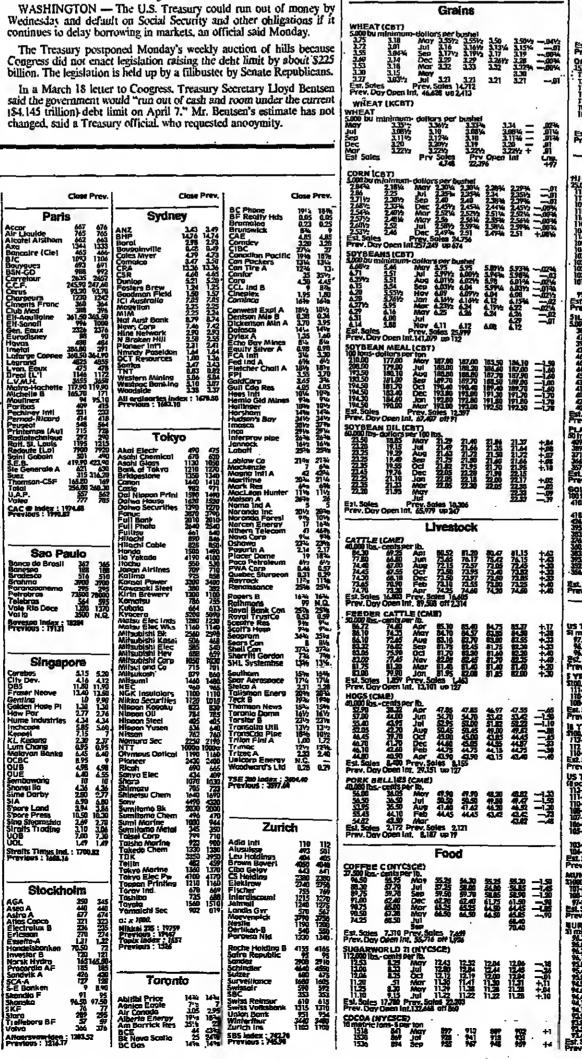




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U.S. / AT THE CLOSE

Coca-Cola Enterprises Buys 2 Plants ATLANTA (AP) — Coca-Cola Co. said Monday it planned to sell bettling enheidingles in Transport

bottling subsidiaries in Tennessee and the Netherlands to its biggest independent bottler, Coca-Cola Emerprises, for \$360 million. Coca-Cola Enterprises' acquisition of Coca-Cola Beverages Nederland BV marks its first international purchase, the company said. Coca-Cola Beverages is the bottler of Coke products in the Netherlands, serving

about 15 million people. It generated revenue last year of more than \$320 Enterprises also plans to buy Roddy Coca-Cola Borting Co. and Coca-Cola Bortling Co. of Johnson City, Tennessee, which serve more than 1 million people in Tennessee and which had revenue of about \$\$6 million in 1907

The Atlanta-based companies said they expected the deal to be in 1992.

Coca-Cola Enterprises is the largest Coca-Cola bottler, distributing more than 50 percent of the company's U.S. bottle and can volume. The Coca-Cola Co. owns 44 percent of the bottling company.

GE Capital to Acquire Reliance Unit

STAMFORD, Connecticut (AFX) — General Electric Co. said Monday that its GE Capital unit had signed a definitive agreement to acquire United Pacific Life Insurance Co. from Reliance Group Holdings Inc. for ngang sa ngangan ngan

at seast 3012 million.

GE Capital said Reliance would continue to receive earnings from United Pacific from the start of the year until the sale was complete.

United Pacific from the acquisition of United Pacific, which writes and GE Capital said the acquisition of United Pacific, which writes and markets annuity products and has assets of \$6 billion, would help it create "a significant annuity business."

Sales of U.S.-Built Cars Increase 8%

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — Sales of U.S.-built cars rose 8 percent, to 247,736 units in the March 21-31 period, translating into a seasonally adjusted annual selling rate of 6.6 million cars.

Sales of U.S.-produced cars and trucks rose 12.5 percent to 427,026 units. Total vehicle sales, including imports, rose 8.9 percent to 467,746 units, according to manufacturers' figures.

There were 9 selling days in the 1993 period, unchanged from 1992.

Leslie Fay Cos. Files for Bankruptcy

NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) - Lestie Fay Cos. said Monday it had NEW YORK (Knight-Ridder) — Leslie Fay Cos. said Monday it had filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, and lined up a debtor-in-possession financing commitment of \$100 million from Cribank.

The company said it filed for Chapter 11 "in the aftermath of irregularities disclosed in connection with the company's year-end audit," which prompted the company's bank group "to severely limit the company's working capital facility, in both amount and duration."

Calling its business "fundamentally sound," Leslie Fay said it expected to repay creditors 100 cents on the dollar for all their claims. As of Jan 2, the company said it had unaudited consolidated assets of about \$440 million and unaudited consolidated liabilities of about \$250 million.

Weekend Box Office

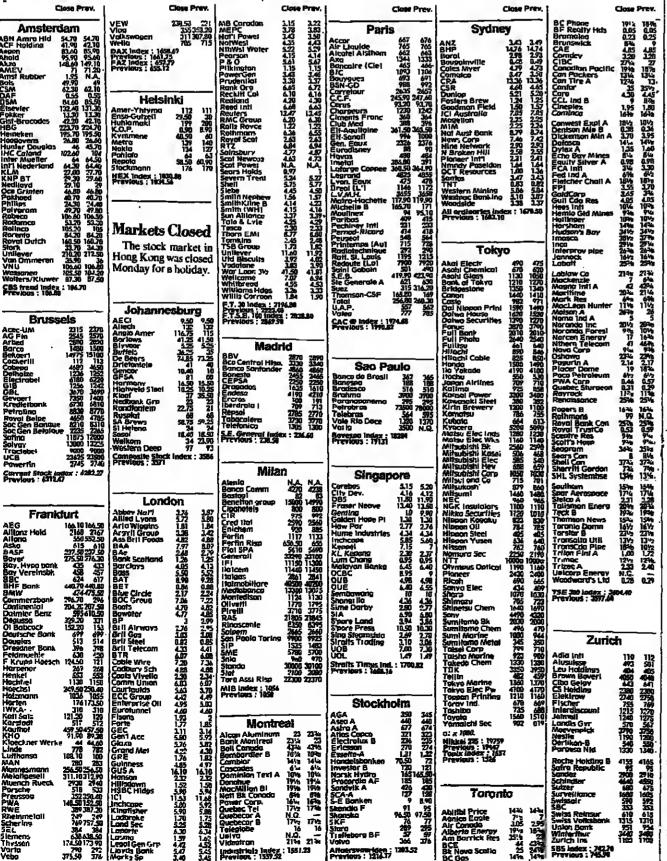
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LOS ANGELES - "Unforgiven" got a shot in the arm from its success at the Academy awards, but two new children's films, "Cop and a Half" and "The Adventures of Huck Finn" were at the top of the U.S. weekend

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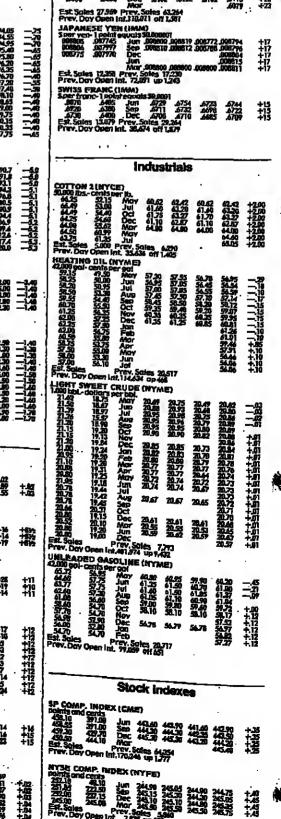
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Lufthansa Talking to **[∉]American**

FRANKFURT — Luftbansa

AG is holding talks with American Airlines over some form of cooper-

ation, a spokesman for the German airline said Monday.

But Lufthansa is also talking to many other airlines in the United States in its "search for an American area." can partner," the spokesman said. He declined to name any of the other negotiating partners.

Lufthansa, one of the last major European carriers not to have a marketing link with a U.S. airline, as been seeking n U.S. partner for some time with the aim of strengthening its trans-Atlantic service.

The Augsburger Allgemeine wspaper reported Monday that Lufthansa would sign a marketing cooperation agreement with American in the next 14 days, citing wellinformed air industry sources.

The Lufthansa spokesman said the report was "pure speculation," adding that nothing had yet been signed with any of the airlines, neither had any plan been made to sign by a given date. American, a unit of AMR Corp.,

declined to comment on the report. Lufthansa, which is 51 percent owned by the German government, had a 1992 pretax loss of 300 mil-lion Deutsche marks (\$188 million) and a 331 million DM loss in 1991.

Deutsche Babcock Unit To Cut Up to 800 Jobs

AFP-Extel News OBERHAUSEN, Germany — The chairman of Deutsche Babcock AG, Heyo Schmiedeknecht, said Monday the company planned to cut up to 800 jobs at its unit A. Friedr. Flender AG as a result of recent production cuts.

He said investment for powerplant building in Eastern Germany had been held up recently, making production cuts necessary. "Additional personnel adjustments will be unavoidable if capacity utiliza-

France Unmoved on Trade Like Socialists, Right Rejects Farm Pact

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LUXEMBOURG - France's new center-right

government told its EC partners on Monday that they should not expect it to take a softer line on trade than its Socialist predecessor.
"We are determined to defend the interests of

French agriculture," Foreign Minister Alain Juppe said at his first European Community ministerial meeting. He came to power after the French con-servatives routed the Socialists in last month's parliamentary elections.

All eyes at the meeting were on France for any sign of a change from the Socialist government's hard-line trade stance. But Mr. Juppé said that it would take "several weeks" for a more detailed position to come from Paris.

But Mr. Juppe said he had told the other 11 EC states that an accord on farm policy reached by the Community and the United States in November at a meeting in Scotland remained unacceptable.

The so-called Blair House agreement, based on deep curs in EC farm subsidies and a reduction in EC acreage planted with oilseeds, holds the key to a worldwide pact on freer trade that has been the object of more than six years of talks. Oilseeds are crops such as soybeans and rapeseed used to produce vegetable oils and animal feed.

France has insisted that the Blair House accord would require more sacrifices of its farmers than France had agreed to in a reform last year of the EC's Common Agricultural Policy.

"On this point, there is continuity," Mr. Juppé said. "We have told our partners again that the current situation is not acceptable for us and that this agreement will not be accepted."

France has threatened to veto the trans-Atlantic deal when it comes to a vote among EC nations. Any global trade agreement among the 108 nations involved in the Uruguay round of talks under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade hinges on an EC-American farm accord.

Mr. Juppe also said EC farmers must continue to get preferential treatment over foreign competi-tors from outside the trade bloc under any world trade accord that eventually emerges.

There is this beautiful expression, Mr. Juppé

said, "It's called EC preference."

He said that agriculture was "one of the essential pillars of the French economy," adding, "It's almost a question of civilization." (Reuters, AP)

Pirelli Quits Continental With Gain

MILAN - Pirelli SpA announced Monday that it had finally ended an acrimonious and long-fought takeover battle for Continental AG with a gain of 330 bil-lion lire (\$210 million) from the

sale of its stake. Pirelli said in a statement it was selling 2.93 million shares in the German tire maker for 250 Deutsche marks each to a group of German investors through Deutsche Bank AG. The sale totals 733.6 million Deutsche marks (\$460 million)

and will be completed by Dec. 30. The shares represent 33.4 percent of Continental and are held by Pirelli as well as some Italian incus trial and insurance companies that were allied with Pirelli in its failed

The investors are a group of in-

bank. Continental is based in Han- before jumping to 1,375 in the afnover, the capital of the state.

The NordLB-led group will sell seven-year convertible bonds for 310 million DM to n group of Ger-Deutsche Industrie and the insurer Versicherungsgruppe Hannuver.

The bonds pay an annual interest rate of 6 percent and can be converted into Continental shares from 1995 onwards.

Hubertus von Grünberg, the Continental chief executive, said he as "highly satisfied" with the sale. He said, "we've won back our full freedom and will use it in the best interest of customers, shareholders and employees."

Continental shares were trading surance and utility companies from at 204.2 DM, down 3.30 on the day, the German state of Lower Saxony while Pirelli's stock ended 9 lire led by the Norddeutsche Landes lower at 1,343 in official trading.

ter-market on news of the sale.

Pirelli paid about 300 DM a share when it acquired its stake in 1990. Pirelli said the sale would man investors comprising Preus-senElektra AG, the industry associ-ation Haftpflichtverband der would be 140 billion lire, largely as a result of the mark's 30 percent rise against the lira since last September, when the Italian currency was suspended from the European exchange-rate mechanism.

Pirelli abandoned its bid after n Continental dragged it through a bitter 15-month legal battle that brought strong criticism from Ital-ian business leaders, who felt German banks and institutions ganged up to exclude Pirelli because it was non-German.

Pirelli took a 340 billion lire onetime charge last year because of the takeover battle. Besides legal costs, Pirelli had given its allies indemnities against losses.

Pearson Chief Quits In Management Rift

By William Schmidt New York Tones Service LONDON - Pearson PLC, the

parent company of the Financial Times publishing group, said Mon-day that David Palmer, the chief executive of the group, was leaving the company immediately over "differences in management style." In a terse announcement that

took publishing circles by surprise, the company said that Mr. Palmer, 52, who began his career at the Financial Times in 1964 as a trainee journalist, would be succeeded by David Bell, 46, currently advertising and marketing director of the Financial Times, Mr. Bell, also n former journalist, is the paper's former managing editor.

Mr. Palmer's departure came less

than two weeks after it was an-nounced that Richard McClean, 55, his former deputy chief execu-rive at the Financial Times Group, was leaving to become the chief executive of the International Herald Tribune in Paris. It was not clear whether there was any con-nection between Mr. McClean's departure and Mr. Palmer's exit.

The suddenness with which Mr.

Palmer's departure was announced startied media analysts in London. "If you had asked me yesterday about David Palmer, I would have told you he was rock solid," said Tony Loynes, editor and publisher of U.K. Press Gazette, a trade publication. "It's obviously an internal thing, unrelated to the performance of the newspaper." Analysts say the newspaper itself

Mirror Group Posts '92 Loss

LONDON - Mirror Group Newspapers, the for-mer flagship of the disgraced media tycoon Robert Max-well, said Monday that reorganization costs and repayments to pension funds plundered by Mr. Maxwell had pushed Mir-

ror into the red last year. Seventeen months after Mr. Maxwell's death led to the collapse of his financial empire, Mirror Group's chief execu-tive, David Montgomery, said, "The task to rebuild the company has already begun, and some of the fruits of that have become evident in the first quarter of this year."

Mirror Group said it had a pretax loss of £84 million (\$127.4 million), after pretax profit of £47.3 million in 1991.

is in solid financial condition, and its circulation, currently at about 292,000, has remained stable in recent years, bucking the trend among British dailies, most of which have lost readers during the correct recession.

A company spokeswoman refused to elaborate on the differences between Mr. Palmer and Pearson executives.

Bols Gets Merger Approval

AMSTERDAM - Wessanen NV and Bols Royal Distilleries NV said Monday their proposed merger would proceed, after more than 95 percent of Bols's shareholders tendered their share certificates for stock in the new Bols Wessanen concern.

Shares in Wessarren and Bols were suspended from 4:01 P.M. until 5.30 P.M. Friday following the 4:00 PM deadline for Bols shareholders to tender shares. Bols closed Monday at 49.90 guilders (\$27.80), up from 49. Wessanen rose to 105.50 guilders from 104.20.

Bols shares will be changed into those of the merged company between April 7 and April 19, the two companies said.

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• The Dassier tamily, which founded the sporting-goods concern Adidas_{II} AG, has sold its remaining 4.9 percent stake in the German company to Crédit Lyonnais for 30 million Deutsche marks (\$18.8 million). First SpA plans to buy the 40 percent stake in Iveco-Pegaso, its unprofitable Spanish truck unit, that it does not already own.

European Community car sales fell 12.5 percent in March from the year-carlier month, their third straight decline, industry figures showed.

• Hugo Boss AG, a unit of Italy's Marzotto SpA, said 1992 net profit rose 28 percent to 44.2 million DM, from 34.6 million DM a year earlier; the company will propose raising the dividend to 21 DM from 20. • BAT ladustries PLC is still evaluating the impact that Philip Morrisg Co.'s price cuts on premium-brand cigarettes will have on its brands. Zurich Insurance's purchase of Municipal Munual Insurance Ltd.'s' nonlife activities in Britain was approved by the EC Commission.

· Koninklijke Bijenkorf Beheer NV, a Dutch retailer, said its net profit rose 26.6 percent to 87.2 million guilders (\$48.5 million) in the year ended.

Jan. 31, 1993, from 68.9 million guilders a year earlier. KBB also said it expected its U.S. toy chain, FAO Schwarz, to make a profit this year. . Banks in Georgia, the sixth former Soviet republic to abandon the ruble,

distributed coupons to replace the Russian currency. · Svilappo Floranzismia SpA, the Italian unit of the Dutch insurer ING. Group, has secured a license to sell its Nationale-Nederlanden life insurance and pension products in Italy. ING said.

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GATT: Dunkel Says U.S. Focus on NAFTA Slows Deal

and apply free-trade rules for the

first time to agriculture and services like shipping and insurance, Mr. Dunkel cautioned that the North American agreement was nonetheless "worth concluding" and said that the European Community's preoccupation with friether economic and monetary intogration during the last year had also delayed the Uruguay Round. European officials have been fol-

lowing the North American pact's progress but expressed little sympathy last week for the administration's predicament. Sir Leon Brittan, the European Community's ic affairs, said in an interview that quick compromises were needed in world trade talks regardless of the political damage this might cause to the congressional prospects of the North American pact.

"I think we'll have to get serious agreements going before November, simply because this is not just a bilateral process, we've got to in-volve the rest of the world and take what they say scriously and produce a package that is acceptable to everybody," Sir Leon said.

4 RUSSIA:

Rules Before Aid (Continued from first finance page)

in its Siberian oil fields by more than 30 percent, while output in neighboring fields has fallen by a similar amount.

But among its many trials and tribulations. White Nights has been hit by seizures of funds, requests for "commissions," export taxes, export bans, threats of dubious legal penalties and constantly shifting requirements for operating permits. Phibro Energy Production, the American partner, a subsidiary of Salomon Inc., now fears it may have to kiss its \$110 million invest-

What the West can do, the Russian economists say, is to strengthen and expand government insurance guarantees against the risks of investing in Russia. But it will take considerably more than that to persunde significant numbers of Western companies to take the plunge.

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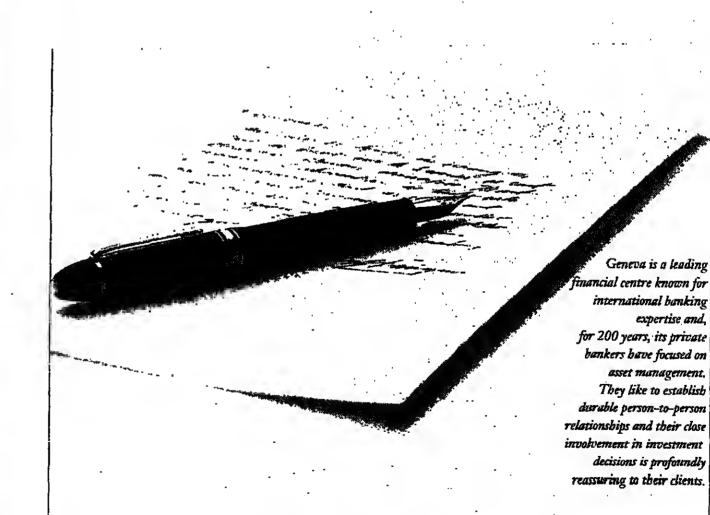
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Bank of Japan Acts As Yen Hits a High

TOKYO — The dollar hit a record low of 113.30 yen Monday, but analysts said dollar-huying by the Bank of Japan nudged it back above the level at which it had closed Friday in New York.

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Despite the intervention, the dol-lar's downward trend "is unchanged," said Jiroh Nagato, an assistant manager at Sumitomo Bank. "That will only change if there is joint intervention." he said. The dollar ended in Tokyo at 113.83 yen, compared with 113.75 yen in New York on Friday.

The central bank did not comment, but a Japanese news service. Press, quoted an unidentified mance Ministry official as saying Japanese anthorities may carry out coordinated intervention with other nations to stem the yen's advance. The official said an unchecked surge in the yen would

harm Japanese exporters. Separately, the Bank of Japan's governor, Yasushi Mieno, said the country's economy was expected to pick up in the second half of the fiscal year that began Thursday.

Mr. Mieno said in a speech to a meeting of the central bank's branch managers that conditions for a recovery were emerging and that the decline in the money sup-

ply appeared to have ended.

Mr. Mieno said that despite support from public-works spending, the Japanese economy was "not likely to recover" in the first half, ending Sept. 30, because corporate profits and personal income would remain depressed.

"In the second half, however, it seems that we can expect a recovery in domestic private demand and the economy as a whole," he said.

But a regional report presented to the conference indicated that private investment, until recently the main engine of Japanese economic growth, was "restrained at a very low level" in Osaka, the coun-

try's second largest city.

There are many bad indicators," said Tatsuya Tamura, general manager of the Osaka branch, At a news conference, he said small and medium-sized companies were particularly affected by the slowdown in capital investment.

"But there are also some bright spots such as business sentiment, which has improved in light of the recovery in share prices, pumppriming measures and increased public works projects, housing in-vestment and exports, particularly to the United States and China," Mr. Tamura said.

Tokyo stocks ended firmer in heavy trading, though off the day's highs, with foreign and individual estors chasing large-capitalization issues, brokers said.

New Zealander Against P&O Rail Bid The 225-share Nikkei average rose 312.52 points, or 1.61 percent, to 19,759.46. Sentiment was brightened by heavy volume of an esti-mated 1.20 billion shares.

Data released Monday by the Japan Machine Tool Builders Association showed that orders received by Japanese machine-tool producers had fallen 26.2 percent in February from the year before but had risen 8.8 percent from January, to 46.72 billion yen (\$410.5 million).

Orders to machine-tool makers are considered a leading indicator for the economy because machine tools make the equipment needed

to produce manufactured goods. (Reuters, Bloomberg, AFP)

Paving the Way for China Beijing Seeks Investment in Road Network

Indicative bids for New Zealand

Rail close with the government's

Companies that have expressed

ioterest include New Zealand's

Owens Group and Freightways,

CSX Transportation Inc. of the

United States, South Pacific Rail of

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The government late last year an-

nounced its intention to sell NZR as

a package, saying at the time that it was worth about 400 million New

In addition to a nationwide rail

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Zealand dollars (\$211 million).

agent, Bankers Trust, on Tuesday.

BELIING — China is seeking foreign investment to help build its first transnational highway network, the official China Daily said Monday. China's top official dealing with Hong Kong affairs, meanwhile, said Beijing was studying plans to expand Shenzhen airport near Hong Kong instead of going ahead with a politically embattled

plan for a new Hong Kong airport The road project, outlined for China Daily by the former vice minister of communications, Wang Zhangyi, involves four highways totaling 10,000 kilometers (6,184 miles) in length. It would link more than 100 major cities and ports and is scheduled to be completed by the end of the century.

Regulations are being drafted to attract direct overseas investment in the project, the paper said. It did not estimate the amount of investment required. China's crowded road system threatens to drag

down its booming economy. According to a State Statistics Bureau report for March, the transport network is so jammed that rail and road freight volume shrank in the first two months of the year.

WELLINGTON - A former

cabinet minister warned the gov-

ernment Monday to reject any bids

from Britain's P&O group to buy state-owned New Zealand Rail. Richard Prebble, who is now the

opposition Labor Party's spokes-

man on state-owned enterprises,

said Peninsular & Oriental Steam

Navigation Co.'s intention was to

reduce competition for New Zea-

land agricultural exporters,
"If P&O controls the railways

they will control the ports and will

have the ability for the first time to

carry out their plan," he said.

On the airport project. Lu Ping, the official in charge of Hong Kong matters, said Sunday that Beijing was studying proposals to use Huangtian airport in the special economic zone instead of going ahead with the project at Chek Lap Kok, a small island in the British colony.

Hong Kong's \$21 billion plan for the new air port has been stalled by disagreements with China over financing and the Chinese-Briosh dispute over proposals to broaden democracy in Hong Kong before the colony reverts to Chinese control in 1997.

Mr. Lu said that if the alternative airport pro posal was adopted, the Huangtian airport would be managed and used by Hong Kong. But he said Beijing had made oo decision on the matter yet, the semiofficial China News Service reported.

Analysts in Hong Kong say legal problems over landing rights, the small size of Huangtian airport and its distance from Hong Kong all could make it undesirable as a replacement for the current Kai Tak airport or the Chek Lap Kok project.
(Bloomberg, AFP)

Cook Strait rail ferries.

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Mr. Prebble said in a speech that

More Power For Ramos On Energy

Compiled by Our Staff From Dupa MANILA - President Fidel V. Ramos signed a law on Monday that gives him special powers to battle the Philippines' severe ener-

The new law empowers Mr. Ramos to raise power prices, revamp the scandal-ridden National Power Corp., exempt energy projects from normal bidding procedures and set aside earnings from state casinos and other gambling operations to finance new power plants.

Hours after signing the new law. Mr. Ramos announced the appointment of a prominent engineer. Francisco Viray, as the new president of the power company, which has been assailed for corruption and incompetence.

The Electric Power Crisis Act paves the way for the unfreezing of more than \$1.2 hillion in loans slated for energy projects. The World Bank and other foreign lenders have tied loans to a power rate

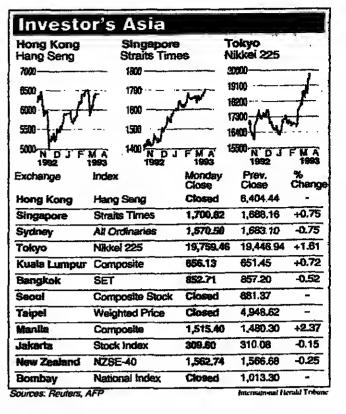
The law "signifies the leadership's sensitivity to public clamor to end the power shortage once and for all," Mr. Ramos said. "It also manifests our earnest desire to remove some of the major obstacles against our attainment of newly industrialized country status by

A shortage of electricity causes ackouts of up to 10 hours daily in Manila and other major Philippine cities. A private-sector energy task force estimates that the outages cost businesses \$16 million a day in lost productivity and canceled orders.

At least 71,000 people in greater Manila have been laid off due to the outages, according to a survey conducted by the Labor Department. The shortage has forced economists to revise downward their forecasts for economic growth this year to an average of about 2.8 percent, compared with estimates of 3.5 growth in gross national product earlier this year.

the road to recovery," Mr. Ramos said. "In the meantime, I am appealing to our people to stretch their forbearance until we can feel the effects of ongoing projects

(Rewers, Bloomberg, AFP)



Very briefly:

 Daiwa Securities fired a branch manager and filed a complaint with the police accusing him of using customers' funds to cover up investment osses exceeding 20 billion yen (\$175 million), a Daiwa spokesman said. Down Mining Co. said it bad encountered "promising" gold intersections grading up to 30 grams per ton in a drilling program under way in Hokkaido, northern Japan.

 Cambodia Beverage Co. has invested \$10 million in a plant in Phnom Penh to produce Coca-Cola, Sprite and Fanta, according to Coca-Cola Indochina Ltd. of Hong Kong.

 DBS Land and Sogo, the leading Japanese retailer, are teaming up to build a condominium on a 100.616 square foot (9.347 square meter) site valued at \$33 million.

· Great Central Mines NL, an Australian diamond explorer, said four micro-diamonds were recovered from its Nabberu joint venture in Western Australia. Although a micro-diamond is less than 0.4 millimeters (0.016 inch) long, "For a first-pass drilling program of an exploration prospect, I think it is a bloody good result," said Ed Eshuys, a GCM director. The Sydney Futures Exchange said volume in March surged to a record

Sega Enterprises Ltd., Japan's largest computer-game maker, has signed

2.5 million contracts, a 120 percent rise from March last year.

an agreement with the independent U.S. film company New Line Cinema to develop a game for use in a new children's movie. "This new law puts us back on . Britain has signed an agreement to lend Indonesia £65 million (\$100

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spokesman for the 800 workers said their pay dispute continued.

Sony Cuts HDTV Tag, Outdoing Matsushita

Agence France-Press

TOKYO - Sony Corp. fired the latest shot in a simmering war over the price of high-definition television Monday by announcing it would cut the price of its latest model by 30 percent. The announcement of a new 32 inch (82 centi-

meter) model priced at 900,000 yen (\$7,830) came less than a week after Sony's arch-rival, Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., unveiled a new set priced at

Sony said its model would be available from

April 21, a month before the Panasonic model made by Matsushita, which along with a set made by Toshiba Corp. was to have been the cheapest in

Sony said the lower price reflected "product efficiency" based on its existing 1.3 million yen model. But the company seems less optimistic about its new low-priced model than its rival, setting an initial production target of 1,000 units a month, half the monthly sales targeted by Matsushita.

CRA Forced Out of Gold Mine

SYDNEY - CRA Ltd., the Australian mining concern, has been forced to abandon its Mount Kare gold-mining operatious in Papua New Guinea because of intimidation and the increasing risk of violence at the mine from fending landowners, CRA officials said Monday.

The move leaves CRA with no substantial mining operations in Papua New Gunnea following suspension of its giant copper mine in the rebel-dominated island of Bougainville in 1989.

The decision on Mount Kare follows two years of disputes and violence, including one incident in January 1992 when an armed gang held up mine managers, forcing them to burn helicopters and equipment. "We don't want a repeat of that incident or anything similar so we have been frightened off the site," a CRA spokesman said.

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By Steven Brull International Herald Tribune
TOKYO — Japan's national

soccer team was frounced when it traired Europe in 1960, and a bumhled center-forward. Saburo Kawahuchi, thought it would take 100 years to make Japan internationally competitive in the sport.

Now, as chairman of the 10-team professional J-League, which begins its first season next month, Kawabuchi is confident that his country can avoid the mistakes that doomed professional soccer in the United States 20 years ago, and can become a contender on the global

"When we began thinking about starting professional soccer in Japan, our first idea was, how can we make Japan competitive internationally?" Kawabuchi said the oth-

Borrowing as its models Europe's regional competition and U.S. sports marketing, organizers structured a league that is radically

First of two articles

different from Japanese baseball. presently the biggest professional sport in this country.

And, with soccer becoming more nese youth, organizers are confident they can develop local talent and cultivate interest among a population that, like that in the United States, has had relatively little exposure to soccer.

But critics contend that the J-League will flop unless the Japa- popular, but operates on a smaller nese learn to play soccer with a er day. "So we realized we had to competitive verve unknown to pro-

spur a growing interest over a period of years. Japanese corporate sponsors may drop out rather than face continuing losses of tens of millions of dollars a year.

"The outlook is grim," said a

sports commentator, Kazuo Chujo.

The key in success is the players. yet the talent here is poor. They have speed, but no common sense as to how to move the game along. Professional sports in Japan popular than basebull among Japa- have long been linked with corporate sponsorship. Professional baseball, which began after World War II, has grown into a huge enterprise backed by some of the country's biggest companies. It enjoys huge crowds and extensive

Despite the popularity of base-

television exposure. Sumo is also

set up a league structure that is new to Japan." fessional haseball here. Unless the ball, most of its teams are losing take fewer chances. The result is become sponsors, but so was every yen in sales in Japan in 1990, part that Japanese haseball is remark-body else," said Takayuki Miya- of an overall take of 300 billion and therefore fan interest, is con- ably unlike its U.S. cousin, which is

centrated in a handful of clubs, much faster, aggressive and excit-Companies accept the monetary ing-losses because their names are part. To avoid the pernicious influof the team names, an association ence of heavy-handed sponsorship. that makes sponsorship a good way the J-League cajoled corporate

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to promote corporate image while supporters into dropping their reducing taxes. A major problem, however, is that players are treated like salaried

employees. So with less to gain and

more to lose, players and managers

company names from the team names; and unlike baseball, companies will not have a direct role in management

"At first we were hesitant to

shita, a Toyota Motor Corp. marketing executive. "But now we see

identities to develop, thus helping attract fans to a little-known sport. "Our ideal model was the Bundesliga" of Germany, Kawabuchi said. soring the two main series. Eight

dising from the Americans,"

league's directors, he added, were ter goods," including T-shirts, bats, opened after they discovered that the National Football League in the United States had four billion

The J-League expects to rake in it as a way to contribute to society about 10 billion yen in marketing in the long term, so it's O.K. to take lusses for 5 to 10 years."

about 10 billion yen in marketing commissions this year, about equal to that of Jananese backlett. to that of Japanese baseball. Sun-Lower corporate profiles, the tory, a leading distiller, and Nipleague argues, will also regional pon Shinpan. Japan's biggest consumer card supplier, are said to have paid the league 300 million yen each for the privilege of spon-While the J-League has tried to other companies, including the cosmake its teams and players less like metics maker Shiseido Co. and the the country's legions of blue-suited sporting goods manufacturer Misalarymen, it is outdoing Japanese baseball in exploiting marketing potential. "We learned merchan-sony Creative Products signed a five-year contract to be the league's Kawabuchi said. The eyes of the exclusive merchandiser of "charac-

> pencils and megaphones. The league is also trying to avoid the lopsided distribution of talent

Blame Shifts

LONDON — The blame for the great Grand National disaster

seemed to shift Monday back to-

ward the race's starter. Keith

Brown, as a top level inquiry began at Jockey Club headquarters.

Local flagman Ken Evans, paid

£28 (\$42) a day to act as recall man

to Brown, had been blamed Satur-

day by track officials who said he

Jockeys who continued the race

after the second false start agreed

they saw no recall signal, although

Evans, 58, insisted on Sunday he had raised his flag.

But a video recording of the cha-otic scenes at the time of the second

false start showed that Brown's red

With Evans 100 meters away, the

starter's flag would have been

much less easy to see than if it was

Brown, 64, the senior Jockey

Club starter, was officiating at his

sixth and final National before re-

As bookmakers began trying to

sort out the major problem of re-funding more than \$100 million in

void bets, one of them, William

Hill, said it had decided not to sue

over the debacle because it could

William Hill, whose 1,800 bet-

bankrupt Aintree race course;

Around the country, beiting shops were being manned by extra staff to cope with the rush on what

has been dubbed "Mad Monday"

Some people may have to wait until the middle of the week before gelting their cash back, bookmak-ers said.

and some opened early.

flag was not properly unfurled.

waving fully.

man said.

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On Grand

Debacle

North America. In the early 1970s. for example, the New York Cosmos spent millions to import such for-eign stars as Pelé and Franz Beckenhauer; other teams lacked the means to huy such talent, and the less fortunate couldn't complete, and went bankrupt in the end.

The J-League is distributing much of its TV and merchandising revenues evenly among the clubs. Unlike the North American Soccer League, it has also imposed a limit of three foreign players per club and committed itself to building a farm system to cultivate domestic talent.

Still, there are concerns that teams with wealthier sponsors. such as Verdy, sponsored by the Japanese media grant Yomiuri, and the Grampus Eight, backed by Toyota, will dominate. Toyota, for example, is reported to have lured the English star Gary Lineker with a total package that could be worth as much as 10 billion yen a year. Other foreign stars playing in the J-League include Zico of Brazil and Pierre Littbarski from Germany.

While foreign players will no doubt help attract fans, most of them are in the twitight of their careers, and some have derided the J-League as a "pensioner's league."
For now, the J-League has got

the country's attention. More than 300,000 people applied for tickets for the league opener on May 15 in Tokyo's National Stadium. But fears that it will be perceived as just another Japanese fad, and that interest will fizzle, led the J-League 10 petition the sport's world govern-ing body, the Federation of International Football Associations, or FIFA, to allow the J-League to introduce sudden death overtime,

an innovation that will avoid ties. Still, there are two crucial events beyond the league's control that could make or break professional soccer in Japan. The first is next year's World Cup in the United States. If Japan could secure one of the two Asian berths in the competition, it would help rally nationalistic fervor for soccer. Yet Japan is a long-shot, because it faces lough competition from the United Arab Emirates, South Korea and others.

More crucial is Japan's bid to be host of the World Cup in 2002. Unless it gets the go-ahead in 1996, the J-League could be doomed. The World Cup is key to rallying the political support necessary to build a minimum of 15 stadiums with a seating capacity of al least 40,000 each. The league average is now 15,000, too few for any team to gree turn a profit.

Kawabuchi reckons Japan has an 80 percent chance of getting the World Cup. But Tokyo could face serious competition from China should Beijing lose out to Australia in its bid to hold the Olympics in

ting shops took in £15 million (\$22.5 million) in bets, had earlier said it was considering a claim of the year 2000. negligence against the race course If professional soccer succeeds in Japan, it could hasten the advent of "Although we were assured we professional volleyball and basketball here. It could also pressure would have a very strong case, we have decided to write off the loss as Japanese baseball to become more a bad debt." a William Hill spokescompetitive, but most important. it could help liberate Japanese

sport from its corporate noose.

We're trying to change the character of professional sports in Ja-pan," Kawabuchi said, "We need more freedom and sports can play a unique role in delivering this mes-

Next: Gary Lineker, role model

The NCAA Showdown at Last Fab 5 Fire vs. Tar Heel Consistency

By Malcolm Moran

New York Times Service NEW ORLEANS — They cried on that final Monday night nearly a of emotion that might have affect-team. Not that Michigan isn't. But year ago. They span obsceniues in the Michigan dressing room after what had been a taut championship game against Duke suddenly dissolved at the very end into a crushing 20-point loss for them.

From that moment on, in a highprofile business usually dominated by the personalities of its coaches. Michigan's Fab Five were the focal point of this year's national college pasketball tournament.

The five freshman starters turned to sophomores. The scrutiny of their play became far more intense. The effect of professional dollars on their eventual breakup came up more often.

In the last couple of weeks, their inconsistent play in this tournament alienated observers and inspired boomg in the stands. But through it all, the Wolverine

sophomores and their supporting c ist never lost sight of this tournament's primary themes: From the hald heads of Chris Webber and Julen Rose to their buggy shorts and black sloves, the championship stage was theirs as long as they could reach it.

When Michigan (31-4) and North Carolina (33-4) met here in the Louisiana Superdome on Monday night, two gifted teams would be competing to reach the victory platform, but only one would be pushed by the memory of a year the other semifinal game?

The Wolcennes would attempt to build upon their 79-78 victory over the Tar Heels on Dec. 29 in the semifical round of the Rainbow the sign Honolulu. That was the game that temporanty cost Michigan Ray Jackson, a 6-6 (2-meter). forward who has added more con-sistent offenzion play to his outsistent offending play to his out-standing defensive skills, Jackson during halftime of a college all-star played I minute that night before

suffering a separated shoulder. In the semificials here Saturday might, he scored 11 points, with 8 rebounds, in Michigan's \$1-78

ed past Tar Heel teams at tournament time. With George Lynch of tured than Michigan is." ed pasi Tar Heel teams at journaten playing brilliantly at the end of his senior season, concentrating his has obscured the work their coach, because that is where he is needed most, the Tar Heels have escaped every dangerous situation so far.

The approach of North Caroliconsistency of effort and the proper beyond midcourt.

er habits under duress. Those qualipearances in the tournament's round of 161the next-longest streak is 3), with nine Final Four trips in Smith's 32 seasons, (He has only one title, however, in 1982; North Carolina also won the champion-ship in 1957. Michigan won in

North Carolina's reliance on order, reinforced by freshmen who have chased loose balls off practice floors and carried film projectors on trips regardless of their talent, is a central part of its mindset.

Lust week, when the Tar Heels were at home in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 7-foot center Eric Montross listened to a question asked too frequently and answered too seldom. Who do you think will win

A \$1 Million Miss

NEW ORLEANS - Bobby Shivar. the 45-year-old pipefitter from Beulaville, North Carolina, who had a chance to win \$1 million game, got only the \$25,000 consoluiion prize. Shivar's one shot - no practice, no second chance -

ton Celties great Dave Cowens.

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This North Carolina team, which defeated Kansas by 78-68 Saiur-unicered. "I think they have a good day, does not suffer from the lack chance. They're a more balanced

But the Wolverines, whose talent contribution on the inside game Steve Fisher, has done, exhibited a structured, disciplined approach against Kentucky in the overtime victory Saturday night. The Wolverines avoided falling into the trap na's coach, Dean Smith, whose 54 set by Kentucky's press — not in victories is the most in the history of the tournament, emphasizes but once the ball was advanced

Michigan resisted the temptation ties have produced the remarkable to punish Kentucky and take the achievement of 13 consecutive apbroken. In the second half and in overtime, 27 of Michigan's 36 sbots were taken from 9 feet away or closer. The Wolverines ran more set plays than usual to exploit their advantage inside.

This is the smartest group of players I've ever been associated with since I've been coaching," Fisher said, "Obviously, this is also the most talented. But you can't win with one without the other."

A major factor Monday night would be the question of whether North Carolina's consistency will be overcome by Michigan's fire in-

"I try to stay away from thinking about this specific game," Mon-tress said. "I didn't know if we could get here as a team. That was our goal. We're so close to achieving the ultimate goal for any college

Michigan has anticipated reaching this stage again for the last year. "It was something you never want to relive." Rose said when asked about the memories of a champion

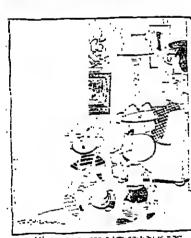
ship game last year. "It seemed like the world was going to fall on our shoulders," Rose said. "We knew we had a great season, but it seemed like that clanged off the right side of the rim despite coaching from former Bosmax. We don't plan on feeling that



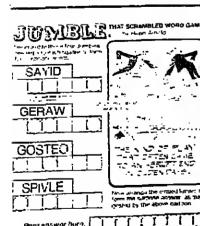
Texas Tech Wins a Title With Its Star in Overdrive

Sheryl Swoopes, driving on Ohio State's Nikki Keyton, scored 47 points as Texas Tech won its first NCAA women's title, 84-82, in Atlanta. The 47 points were the most ever scored, by man or woman, in a final; Swoopes hit 16 of 24 field-goal attempts, 11 of 11 free throws, got five rebounds. three assists and two steals, and sank four of her six 3-point shots. Among her 10 all-time marks: most points in the women's tournament, 177, for an average of 35.4 points in five games: most points in the Final Four. 78; most points in a half for a championship game. 24, in the first half.

overtime victory over Kentucky. DENNIS THE MENACE



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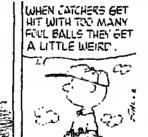
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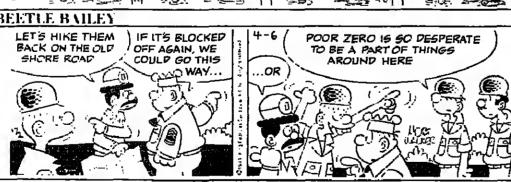


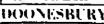




















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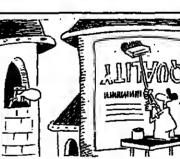


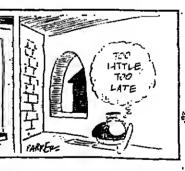




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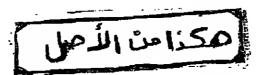
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SPORTS B

The Crack of a Bat

By Dick Roraback

Away on this side of the ocean When the chestmus are hinting of green And the first of the cafe commandos Are moving outside for a fine And the sound of spring beats a bolero As Paree sheds her coat and her hat The sound that is missed more than any Is the sound of the crack of a bat.

There's an animal kind of a feeling There's a stirring down at Jeeting
There's a stirring down at Vincennes Zoo
And the kid down the hall's getting restless
Taking stairs like a young kangaroo
Now the dandy is walking his poodle And the concierge summing her cat But the heart's with the Cubs and the Tigers And the sound of the crack of a bat.

In the park on the corner run schoolboys In the park on the corner run schoolings
With a couple of cartons for props
Kicking goals à la Fontaine or Kopa
While a little guy chickies for cops
"Goal for us," "No it's not," "You're a liar,"
Then the classical shrieks of a spat But it's not like a rhubarb at home plate Or the sound of the crack of a bat.

Here the stadia thrill to the scrumdowns And the soccer fans flock to the games And the chic punt the nags out at Longchamp Where the women are dames and not dames But it's different at Forbes and at Griffith The homes of the Buc and the Nat Where the hotdog and peans share laurels With the sound of the crack of a bat.

No, a Yank can't describe to a Frenchman The rasp of an umpire's call The continuing charms of statistics Changing hist ry with each strike and ball Nor the self-conscious jog of the slugger Rounding third with the tip of his hat Nor the half-smothered grace of a hook slide Nor the sound of the crack of a bat.

Now, the golfer is buffing his niblick And the tennis buff's tightening his strings And the fisherman's flexing his flyrod Like a thousand and one other springs Oh, the sports on both sides of the ocean Have a great deal in common, at that But the thing that's not HERE At this time of the year

BASKETBALL

i Warnin

Is the sound of the crack of a bat. Dick Roraback is a former Sports Editor of the Herald Tribune. His springtime elegy has appeared in this space since the 1960s.

Rangers Trounce Orioles, 7-4, in Season Opener



President Bill Clinton throwing the first ball - high - at Baltimore's Oriole Park at Canaden Yards on Monday. 43 home runs last season, homered

Schott on Hand as Reds Edge Expos, And Marlins Win Their First Game

President Bill Clinton threw out the first ball, then Juan Gonzalez and Dean Palmer each hit two balls out of the park, lifting the Texas Rangers over the Baltimore Orioles, 7-4, on major league baseball's opening day on Monday in Balu-

The Rangers won Kevin Kenne dy's first game as a major league manager and spoiled the second season opener at Camden Yards.

Before the game, the Reverend Jesse L. Jackson led a group of about 300 demonstrators outside the park in a protest against baseball's minority hiring practices. Jackson, head of the Rainbow Coalition of Fairness in Athletics, was expecting up to 1,500 people to

participate in the protest.
Clinton, meanwhile, became the first Democratic president since Jimmy Carter to throw out the first ball. He took the safe approach, lining up well in front of the mound, and floated a high and outside toss to the Baltimore catcher Chris Hoiles.

Clinton said be thought Jackson's protest was "fine." "I think it's a legitimate issue."

The president failed to provide the Orioles any more luck than did Carter, who watched Baltimore lose the seventh game of the 1979 World Series in his only appearance at an Oriole game.

Baltimore got a first-inning run when Brady Anderson doubled and scored on a groundout by Cal Ripken, but Texas countered with a five-run third inning against loser Rick Sutcliffe, who opened the Ori-oles' new stadium last year by throwing a live-hit shutout against

The Rangers got that many hits in the third inning alone, David Hulse hit a one-out triple, scored on a single by Rafael Palmeiro and Gonzalez, who led the majors with

ting rivals, will now team up for the

Yankees. Another pure hitter, Paul

Molitor, has joined the defending

world champion Toronto Blue Jays.

Jose Canseco and the Rangers line-

up will work for a full season togeth-

"With Julio Franco and Rafael

more Orioles' advance scout, said.

That's some lineup to go through

If American League pitchers fret at such a prospect, then the flip side

of that equation has to be National

four or five times a night."

Baltimore countered with a three-run fifth, the big blow a two-run double by Mike Devereaux. Palmer made it 6-4 with a solo shot into the ivy beyond the centerfield wall. Clinton left shortly be-

fore Gonzalez hit his second homer off Alan Mills in the eighth. Craig Lefferts, who spent the last part of the 1992 season with Balti-

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

more, got the victory by allowing four runs and seven hits in six innings. He struck out seven. Tom Henke, acquired as a free agent, pitched the ninth for his first

save with the Rangers. Reds 2, Expos 1: In Cincinnati, Marge Schott was unsinkable and Jose Rijo nearly unhittable as the Reds ended an off-season of scan-

dal with a victory over Montreal. The largest regular-season crowd in Riverfront Stadium history and one banished owner watched Rijo allow five hits in eight

scoreless innings.
Schott, suspended for a year as the Reds' owner for using racial slurs, was as flamboyant as she was allowed to be. She watched from a private box behiod home plate, occasionally waving to lans, and had a taped message played on the scoreboard before the game, Rijo, coming off elbow problems

that limited him to two complete games in 1992, allowed just four singles and a triple and retired 14 of 15 batters over one stretch. He struck out live and didn't walk a Rob Dibble relieved in the top of

the nioth. He gave up a two-out home run to Larry Walker before getting the save. Montreal's Dennis Martinez was

team, if only to catch those guys?"

right ankle.

ated solely by players.

so quietly and reluctantly.

As for franchises, two are being

born, as the Colorado Rockies and

the Florida Marlins make their Na-

tional League debuts. And the game's

oldest team, Cincinnati, is trying to

remove the tarnish from its recent

past by turning to a player closely associated with its glory days.

Cincinnati's hometown pride and

joy, Pete Rose. "But now it's trying

to get back to its winning tradition. Tony Perez is a part of that tradi-tion, which was built in Cincinnati

Perez, a former Reds All-Star and coach who is making his debut

as a manager, is certainly not one to say such things about himself. All

he knows. Perez says, is that when

the first pitch is thrown in Cincin-

nati as the Reds meet the Expos. it

will be merely a continuation of his

life with a team he learned to love a

in the '70s."

ong time ago.

to center. After Julio Franco singled. Palmer homered into the left-

Sabo pulled a belt-high fastball over the wall in left-center for a 1-0 lead in the second. Then a pair of walks around Roberto Kelly's sec-ond single of the game loaded the bases with two out in the fifth for Mitchell. Frank Bolick stopped Mitchell's grounder down the third-base line and came up throwing, but Mitchell - playing with a broken bone in his left foot -- beat it out as the run scored

Yankees 9, Indians 1: In Cleveland, emotions left over from the boating accident March 22 that killed pitchers Steve Olin and Tim Crews overshadowed the Indians' loss to New York.

George Steinbrenner, the Yankees owner who returned to baseball this spring after serving a 21/2year suspension for dealings with a gambler, was on hand as Jimmy Key won it for New York, limiting the Indians to one run and three hits in eight innings.

Key improved to 4-0 in four career opening-day starts - the previous three for Toronto. The 31-year-old left-hander walked none, struck out three and retired 17 of the last 18 batters be faced.

Danny Tartabull, Matt Nokes and Pat Kelly homered for the Yankees, who broke the game open with a five-run sixth. Kelly and Nokes each had three RBJs. It was the first three-homer performance by the Yankees on open-

ron, Roger Maris and Mickey Mantle did it. Loser Charles Nagy lasted 5% innings, giving up seven runs and

ing day since 1962, when Bill Skow-

Greg Maddux and the Atlanta Braves began their bid to become one of baseball's best staffs ever in

strong fashion. Maddux, who left the Cubs as a almost as impressive, but wound up free agent last winter after winning the Cy Young Award with a 20-11 record, bested Mike Morgan, one of his closest friends. Maddux pitched live-hit ball for 81/3 innings and left with runners on first and second. Mike Stanton got the last two outs for the two-time National

champion, John Smoltz, and the hard-throwing Steve Avery. Leagne champions, Maddux walked three, struck out "Oh man, how can you not work four and did oot allow a runner bard to come back and play for this past second base.

Morgan retired the first two batasked Greg Olson, the Atlanta ters on two pitches and then ran into trouble. Ron Gant beat out an eatcher who is coming back from a broken right leg and dislocated on a wild pitch. Terry Pendleton walked and David Justice lined a Not all the anticipation is genersingle to left to score Gant.

Among managers, Pittsburgh's Marlins 6, Dodgers 3: In Miami, Jim Leyland, the game's best, has a Walt Weiss his a two-run triple and roster depleted by free agency. So respected is Leyland's ability to scored himself in a three-run third inning as the expansion Florida summon the best from players, no Marlins got off to a winning start in their first season. matter how raw the talent, that those counting the Pirates out for

Chartie Hough pitched six inthe first time in years probably do nings for the victory, allowing three runs on six hits. Orel Hershiser went 51/2 innings for Los Angeles, yielding five earned runs on 10 hits

for the loss. Benito Santiago and Jeff Conine opened the second inning with singles, and scored when Weiss pulled triple into the right field corner. Weiss scored on a single by Scott

The team's been through the ringer," Hall of Famer and former Mets 3, Rockies 0: In New York, Colorado lost its first game as Dwight Gooden pitched a four-hit-Reds great Joe Morgan said, referring to the banishments from the ter to spoil Don Baylor's first game game of the Reds' owner - the tart-tongued Marge Schott - and

as manager. Gooden, only 10-13 last season. retired 17 straight batters before Dante Bichette singled with one out in the ninth. He walked one and struck out four en route to the Mets' first opening-day shutout since beating Steve Carlton and Philadelphia, 2-0, in 1983.

Andres Galarraga followed Biebette's hit with a single to right but was thrown out trying to stretch it into a double. It was Gooden's 22d career shutout and he improved to 5-1 on opening day. It was his first shutout since June 15, 1991.

Colorado starter David Nied became the first Rockies pitcher to lose a game, giving up (wo runs, six hits and six walks in five innings. Nied was the first selection in the expansion draft on Nov. 17.

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The Penguins Are Bad Birds

"The fans mean a lot to me," he er for the first time, hoping to he

over New Jersey on Sanday night and zeroing in on the league record for pasecutive victories.

Lemieux, who has 22 goals and 22 assists in the streak, improved his season's point total to 150 for a seven-point lead over Buffalo's Pat LaFontaine in the scoring race.

The Penguins have a chance to tie the record set by the 1981-82 New York Islanders when they entertain the Montreal Canadiens on Wednesday night. They can break it with another victory Friday night, against the New York Rangers at Madison Square Garden.

"It makes it very special for me that the first will be with the Reds." said Perez. "I will have butterflies, but I won't have nerves."

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each year. The Lac de Madine circuit will also be used for the opening individual time trial in this year's Tour de France on July 12. For the Record Valeri Belenky, the 1991 pommel horse titlist from the Soviet Union.

IndyCar victory at the age of 53 years and 34 days.

was given permission by the International Gymnastic Federation to defend his title as an individual in next week's world championships in Birmingham, England, although Azerbaijan missed the filing deadline.

(AP)

Mike Standy shot 5-under-par 67 to beat Payne Stewart and Russ Cochran by one stroke in the Freeport-McMoRan Golf Classic in New AP)

McLaren Says Senna to Race Sunday

LONDON (Reuters) - Ayrton Senna will drive Sunday for McLaren

in the European Grand Prix at Donington Park in England, the team said Monday. The Brazilian, who leads the Formula One champiouship after two races, has been driving for McLaren on a race-by-race basis this season with American Michael Andretti.

Andretti's father, Mario, became the oldest race winner in IndyCar history on Sunday when he won the Valvoline 200 while his injured New,nan-Haas teammate Nigel Mansell, last year's Formula One cham-

pion who crashed Saturday, watched on television at his home in Florida.

Cycling Prix Gets Home in France

Andretti, the former Formula One world champion, got his 100th

PARIS (Reuters) — The Grand Prix des Nations, the last event of cycling's World Cup calendar, was on Monday given a new home in

The Tour de France Society, which will run the event, said the end-of-

eason time trial will take place at the Lac de Madine in northeast France.

The 59-kilometer circuit will stage the race on Oct. 16 and again in 1994

The Grand Prix des Nations has previously changed venue and country

Clyde Drexler, the Portland Trail Blazers' all-star guard, will miss several games after straining a hamstring.

(AP)

Flemming Porison, the Danish striker, has had his season ended by torn knee ligaments, dealing a blow to Borussia Dortmund in its UEFA Cup match Tuesday against the French club Auxerre.

(Reuters)

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France for the next three years.

· Larry Andersen, a relief pitcher for the Philadelphia Phillies, on the popular seventh-inning stretch song, "Take Me Out to the Ball Game": Why would somebody that's there get up and sing, Take Me Out to the Ball Game? The first person to do it must have been a morou."

• John McMullen, the owner of the Houston Astros who once was

imited partner with the New York Yankes: "There is nothing quite so limited as being a limited partner of George Steinbrenner's."

• Blackie Sherrod of the Dallas Morning News: "Every time I see someone blister Boss Steinbrenner as a dumb pop-off. I remember he paid only \$8.8 million for the richest franchise in pro sports and every time he pops off, he makes tabloid headlines and sells more Yankee

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By Claire Smith

New York Tunes Service NEW YORK - Remnants of the vitriolic 1992 season and its equally histrionic off season still remain, like so much pollutionblackened snow that simply refuses

will be swept away. And there are players with enough star power, division races with enough intrigue and individual stories with enough

Those players considered the game's most precious gens are the core of the game, says Ozzie Smith, shortstop extraordinaire for the St.

They are the players out there there, something extraordinary could happen at any time," said

SIDELINES

"I can't speak for Kirby, but I did it for the people of St. Louis," Smith said. Although he is not consecutive Gold Glove seasons. Who they are is obvious. "Nolan

Ryan, George Brett, Barry Bonds, Smith said. Although he is not Will Clark. Bo Jackson, Rickey Henderson, Smith said. "I know! said that "for me, it wasn't just about more and the said that "for me. it wasn't just about more and the said that " I'm gonns rock-and-roll here, now. Put Don Mattingly on the list. Roberto Alomar, Barry Larkin, too. Kirby Puckett. Dave Winfield. Cal

"You're talking about the backbone of the game, players who have a way of making other people play

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as fans speculate how these players night," Deacon Jones, the Baltiwill do in new settings. Players like Bonds, the two-time Francisco, where be'll join up with the equally flamboyant Clark. And Cy Young winner Greg Maddux, late of the Cubs, who joins the man

League hitters wondering about that buzzsaw of an Atlania pitching staff. It not only includes two 20-game winners — Glavine and Maddux — but also boasts the

Intriguing new combinations reigning National League strikeout

How hot are the Pittsburgh Penguins? So bot they're untouchable.
The defending Stanley Cup champions continue to rip through the National Hockey League, winning their 14th straight with a 5-2 decision

"I think it's important for us to go out there and try for the record," said the Penguins' superstar, Mario Lemieux, who had a empty-net goal and two assists as Pittsburgh tied the second-longest winning streak in NHL history, by the 1929-30 Boston Bruins.

"We've come so far, we'll certainly give it a good shot to get the record for a great streak," Lemieux said.

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The Health Problem

out of control in the United States,

knows when the health costs began to get out of hand. He told me. The trouble started when doctors increased the number of magazines they subscribed to for their waiting rooms, without taking into account

what it would cost the patient. Ten years ago the only magazine found in a doctor's office was National Geographic. when you walk into one, you find everyfrom

Buchwaid magazine to Popular Mechanics."

I said, "Maybe the doctors put the extra magazines out to lessen their chances of being sued." "That's what they claim but, frankly, I think many doctors over-

that they are good doctors. I pointed out to Chuck that doctors' offices are now partnerships. and perhaps the reason there are so many magazines is because each doctor has his favorite.

subscribe to reassure their patients

"So what! It's sull driving up the cost of medicine. When you see a copy of Town and Country on a doctor's table, you can be sure that

if will wind up on your bill."

I always thought that patients were permitted to read the maga-zines in a waiting room for free, 1

New Museum a Tribute To Norman Rockwell

The Associated Press STOCK BRIDGE, Massachusetts -- The world's largest collection of Norman Rockwell's works, housed in a new museum bearing his name, has opened to the pub-

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The opening of the \$4.3 million museum, which displays 150 of Rockwell's works, was the first in a series of celebrations for the cen-tennial of the artist's birth on Feb. 3, 1894.

WASHINGTON — There's no doubt that medical costs are tors want you to believe. But there is no such thing as a free chest Xand everyone is blaming someone ray or a copy of Architectural Dise. gest. Many physicians demand to be paid in advance before you can

read one of their magazine "How does a doctor do that?" "He puts cellophane covers over his magazines, and you can't open

one unless you pay \$10."
I said, "I heard that some doctors take kickbacks on the Good Housekeeping that they have in their offices. Is that true?"

'A small percentage accepts gra-

tuities from publishers, such as color photographs of Al Gore, but most physicians feel that it's unethical to accept gifts from People magazine as it could affect their medical judgment. Unfortunately, the AMA refuses to take a stand on good health care and which ones

"Has the cost of magazines in waiting rooms risen over the past

"It's tripled. Magazine publishers know that the wait in doctors' offices is becoming longer and longer, and patients must have something to read. So they just keep raising their subscription rates. Doctors have become the fall guys for the increase in magazine medical costs. They say that they're not making the big profits in medi-cine — but Vanity Fair is."

I told Chuck, "I don't understand why doctors insist on the latest publications. I don't mind reading a 1982 Sports Illustrated because I can catch up on a lot of things I missed."
"Doctors cannot afford to leave

old magazines around because they might lead to infection. The insistence of the FDA that M.D.s display only the latest editions is what's driving up the cost of medi-

"Why couldn't they make the magazines optional? If you don't look at one, you don't have to pay

"That's impractical." Chuck said, "and might require the ourse to monitor everyone who has an appointment. The real solution is to cut down on the patient's choices of reading material and inform him that Vogue is a luxury the doctor can no longer afford."

American Tale: Flip Side of Oscar Hijuelos

By Esther B. Fein New York Times Service

IAMI - This is a city that should M make Oscar Hijuelos feel completely comfortable. It has a large and literate Cuban-American population that has responded enthusiastically to the novels he has written about the lives of Cuban-Americans, including the Pulitzer Prizewinning "The Mambo Kings Play Songs of Love" and his latest, "The 14 Sisters of Emilio Montez O'Brien.

The fried plantains and black beans his mother, Magdalena, prepared for him as a child are easily found in dozens of Cuban restaurants here. And the sunlight on the ocean reminds him of the only time he visited Cuba, when he was 3.

And yet every time he comes to Miami. there is an eerie sense of dread that he has to overcome. "I came here visiting over 20 years ago, and when I was here with my aunt my father passed away," he said. "So I'm superstitious in that way. I love this city, but I always have to get over an initial period of a hule foreboding."

He has had other encounters, he said,

with the ghost of Pascual Hijuelos, like the time several years ago when he saw his time several years ago when he saw his father in the living room. "Sov ciego," said the visitor, which is Spanish for "I am blind," and asked his son to turn on the light, "So I turned on the light," Hijuelos said, "and saw him for a moment, and then he disappeared."

That visitation and others like it, even the repeated anxiety when he visits Miami, are ultimately enriching, he said, tethering him to the roots that so suffuse his books. His first novel. "Our House in the Last World" (Persea, 1984), is about Cuban immigrants living in Spanish Harlem, "Mambo Kings" (Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 1989), is about two Cuban hrothers who go to New York in the early 1950s seeking their fortunes as musicians, and "The 14 Sisters" [Farrar. Straus & Girours), the saga of a teeming Pennsylvania family whose mother is Cuban and father

Hijuelos was born in Manhattan after his parents emigrated from Cuha, settling in an apartment just 12 blocks north of where he now lives. His father, who died when he was a teenager, worked as a cook and a dishwasher; his mother, like the matriarch in "The 14 Sisters," was a homemaker with a secret passion for writing

But the very connection between his own ancestry and his books is at times disconcerting to Hijuelos.

"Sometimes I feel like people here view me with a kind of single-mindedness, that what I am about to them is just Cuban," Hijuelos said before a recent reading and party here, eating dinner in a nouveau



Hijuelos: Garcia Marquez influenced him, but so did Yeats and Flan O'Brien.

Cuban restaurant that bore little resem-

blance to his mother's kitchen. "I consider myself a New York writer of Cuban parentage, with different influ-ences." he said. "My background is an important element, the most important, but not the only one."

There was a time, he said, that he was bothered by people thinking he was not sufficiently Cuban. He is not very tall, has a slightly thick center and his fair, thinning hair rings a head that is hardly some deep Latino olive, but rather sunhurned pimen-to red after a few hours in the Miami sun. People always told me that I looked

like my father, and I thought of him as the most Cuban guy, but then people would always tell me that I don't look Cuban," he said. "Finally I said to my mother: 'Ma, it bothers me sometimes. Like I know I really look like Pop and he was so Cuban and I don't look Cuhao. And my mother laughed and said, 'Your father never looked Cuban either.'"

Now he says he is frustrated that people

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read a book like "The 14 Sisters of Emilio Montez O'Brien" and concentrate on the Montez aspect to the exclusion of the O'Brien one. At the reading at the Miami Dade Community College downtown campus, he was polite but defensive when someone in the crowded auditorium asked him why he hadn't written a book about post-Castro Cuba and someone else asked whether he planned to write a book in

"The language of my education is English," responded Hijuelos, who is 41 and received his bachelor's and master's degrees from City College of New York. "Hey, I can harely write in English."
Reviewers, he said, can be equally "myopic" about his literary totems, making

frequent comparisons, for example, between his style and that of Gahriel Garcia Marquez, but missing other writers he considers equally important to his work.
"Like, I love Years and Flan O'Brien, for example," he said. "That's the reason I call them the Montez O'Briens, in homage

"My father had nine sisters and my mother had three." he said. "I think that gives me a certain license. Since I have only one brother, sometimes I think that writing about a bursting household is com-This kind of free association happens

names of Brian O'Nolan.)

his mouth in midsentence.

Part of the "psychic patterning" of "The

14 Sisters" was a reaction, he said, to the

pigeonholing that seems to dictate "that if

you have a Hispanic last name, you have

to write within certain cultural limita-

Then, abruptly, Hijuelos's train of thought shifted as if another voice entered

often when he talks, making a conversation with him feel like a group chat with the various sides of his personality: the celebrity begins, the writer interrupts, the amorist interjects and then the devoted The disjointed way he expresses himself

in conversation is much like the sudden shifts in memory that Cesar Castillo has in "The Mambo Kings" or the reeling from one character's recollections to another's in "The 14 Sisters." The style seems to say that life is not smooth or obvious.

"You must forgive me for digressing," he said. "It's one of my methods for talk-ing about myself."

He returned to his new book. Many

reviewers and readers have interpreted
"The 14 Sisters" as a flip side of "The
Mambo Kings." The earlier book exudes
the machismo and the sexuality of the two Castillo brothers, while the latest one is drenched in feminine sensuality. But "The Mambo Kings," Hijuelos ar-

ed is very much about women and to him the strongest character in it is Delores, the wife of Nestor, the melancholy youn-ger brother who dies young, still pining for his youthful Cuban love. Maria s youthful Cuban love, Maria.

"If I had known in the first place how strong Delores would turn out to be, I might have built the book around her," he said. "But you make decisions and unless you're absolutely crazy and like to postpone things indefinitely, you stick with them. But I was very admiring of Delores and the women in that book and that sort of led me in a roundabout way to a novel about women

He said he felt in his soul that he would write "a certain oumber of novels," and the number that floats inexplicably in hismind is "about seven." He won't tempt the spirits by being exact in the number or by speaking of the idea for his next work, "If you talk about what is still coming together in your mind," he said, conceding a nod to Old World superstitions, "it has a way of losing its essence and fading away."

PEOPLE

The King and Franco: A Best-Seller in Spain

Best-selling royals: "The King."
José Luis de Villalonga's book in
which King Juan Carlos I reveals details about Franco and his own role in Spain's transition to democracy, has sold nearly a quarter-million copies in its first month on Spanish shelves. Juan Carlos, 55. came to power after Franco died in November 1975, and he helped usher in the democratic constitution of 1978. He had been put under Franco's tutelage by his father. Don Juan de Borbón y Battenberg. who died last week of cancer.

React

Pope John Paul II has legiti-mized the three children of Princess Caroline of Monaco in a decree. The children were born to Caroline in her marriage to the Italian Stefano Casiraghi, who died in an offshore boating accident in 1990. Caroline married Casirag in a civil ceremony before the Vatican last year annulled her 1978 marriage to Philippe Junot. The church never recognized her di-vorce from Junot in 1980 or her civil marriage to Casiraghi in 1983.

General Norman Schwarzkopf is back in Vietnam, where he began his military career 25 years before becoming a household name com-manding U.S. forces in the Gulf War. He is with Dan Rather to film a CBS television documentary on the Vietnam War.

Hard times: Queen Elizabeth II is still Britain's richest person but her fortune has shrunk by £1.5 billion (\$2.3 billion) in a year and details of her wealth remain obscure, an annual survey said. The Sunday Times again placed the queen at the top of its list of 400 sets of £55 billion.

Terry Anderson, the former chief Middle East correspondent for The Associated Press who spent nearly seven years as a hostage in Beirut, and Madeleine Bassil will be married April 18. Anderson and Bassil have a 7-year-old daughter.

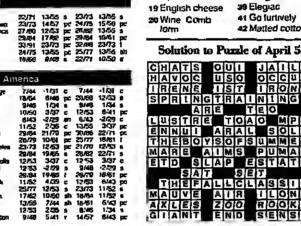
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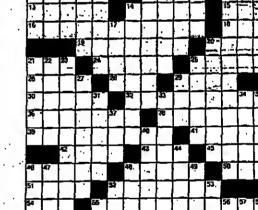
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JOURNEY TO THE VAN-ISHED CITY: The Search for a Lost Tribe of Israel

522.95. St. Martin's Press. Reviewed by Louise Levathes

By Tudor Parfitt. 278 pages.

I N the hills of southern Zimba-hwe lie the ruins of a mysterious, ancient city that flourished in the mid-14th century. Its walls and quantities of gold jewelry that were greedily melted down and sold by explorers who discovered the site in

The Europeans thought they had stumbled upon biblical Ophir, city of gold, from which King Solomon of Jerusalem and the Phoenician

century B. C. for their labled cities. The location of Ophir has always remained a mystery, but it was believed to be somewhere south of

In the fever to retrieve gold, pre-cious archaeological clues to the ancient African city were trampled and it is now difficult to piece together who its first inhabitants were and why it was abruptly abandoned about 1450. Many tribes claim association with the city. named Great Zimbabwe since the country's independence, but Parfitt The unraveling of their story takes the form of both journey log and mystery novel.

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ruler, retrieved treasures in the 10th of the Sahbath. They say they are Jews, a lost tribe of Israel, related to the Falashas, the so-called black Jews of Ethiopia. But can he - or we - really

trust the stories of the elders? One

Lemba leader visited the Falashas

in the 1950s and may have returned with the idea of some relationship with them. Parfitt suggests that the Lemba are vestiges of a hybrid culture, part-Jewish and part-Muslim, that was linked to early African coastal societies. What is clear is that in the ninth century Jews could well have visited the African coast to buy

Semitic traditions, such as the rite and author of a forthcoming book on White will overrum it with his maritime China, wrote this for The

gold and the Lemba may have ties

By Robert Byrne OT even an Anatoly Karpov

can repeatedly recover from an early loss. The going was hard in Linares because Karpov was competing against his archival, Gary Kasparov, the world champion and the man that deposed him in 1985. Kasparov won first prize in the event on March 14. Yet Karpov put up a good fight, as one may observe in his dynamic defeat of his Russian colleague, Valery Salov, Karpov's weapons was the mating at-

with 6 Nc3 Ne4 7 Bb2 encourages Black to obtain the bishop pair ... Nd2, the thought being that, pawns, while if Black plays 7...Nd2

a defensive position with 9 Ne5. Salov chose 7... Bf6, so that 8 d5 would let him create doubled

pawns with 8...Bc3 9 Bc3 Nc3 10 bc. After 8 0-0 0-0 9 Rc1, he chal-yet after 10 d5 ed 11 od Nd2 12 Nd2 d6, White controlled a preponderance of central territory. Through 15...a6, this game followed a B. Alterman-I. Tsesarsky encounter in Israel last year. but

> play with 16 a4 instead of pressing forward immediately with 16 g5. Rather than await Karpov's kingside attack. Salov offered a pawn with 18...b5 19 ab ab 20 Nb5 to start queenside activity with 20... Obc. After 21 Nbc3, 21... Qb2? would have been wrecked by 22

Karpov took a moment out to im-

pede Black's queenside counter-

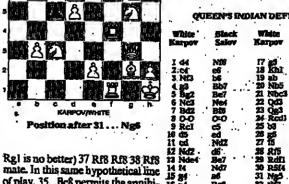
On 23 Qg3, 23...Nd5 24 Nd5 Bd5 would have been destroyed by 25 Nf6! gf 26 gf KhS 27 Bd5 Ra7 28 Rg1 Bh6 29 e4 Qd2 30 Rc1 Qb2 31 Qb4 Bf8 32 Qg5. Karpov's powerful thrust 26 g6!.

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forced the opening of avenues to the black queen. On 26...f5, there could have followed 27 Qh3 h6 28 Qf5 Ra3? 29 Qf7 Rb8 30 Nf6!. On 26...hg? there could have followed 27 Qh4 Kg8 28 Ng5, forcing mate. With 26...fg 27 f5! gf 28 Rf5 Nd7. Salov tried to get his knight hack to set up a defense, but it was

Karpov's 31 Ng5 could not be met by 31...h6 because 32 Ne6 Re6 33 R/8 R/8 34 R/8 Kb7 35 costs Black a rook. Moreover, 31...Be7 would be crushed by 32 Nh7! Kh7 33 Qh3 Kg8 34 Qe6 Kh8 35 Be4 Bf6 36 Rf6! Rc6 (36...gf 37 Qf6 Kg8 38

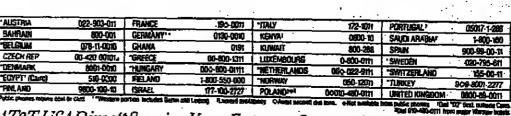






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